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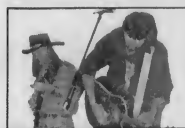
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Budget Woes Raise Salary Questions

BOV Calls For Pay Raise For Anderson

By Beth McConnell
Bullet Assistant News Editor

The Board of Visitors recommended the largest possible pay raise for Mary Washington College President William M. Anderson, Jr. on Dec. 1, 1994, despite disapproval from Virginia Governor George Allen.

If the board's recommendation is approved by the General Assembly on Feb. 6, Anderson will receive a 6.9 percent raise, in addition to a 5 percent merit bonus. The board also requested authorization from the governor to increase funds from the Mary Washington College Foundation to supplement the president's salary.

"Bill Anderson contributes a whole lot to the college. Whatever he gets he certainly deserves," said Kathleen Mehford, rector of the board of visitors.

Anderson said that salaries are a touchy issue in these hard times.

"People are watching each other—that's natural. The point is not who gets what, but that we get as much as possible for everyone," said Anderson.

In the board's letter to Allen concerning Anderson's salary, it supported the full 6.9 percent increase, said Anderson. Most other state college boards approved the increase for their presidents.

Allen replied to the salary requests in a letter to the rectors of the college's governing boards. Allen stated that although he did not have the authority to set presidents' salaries, he would support the increase.

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Bill Anderson Courtesy Photo

- The Board of Visitors has recommended a 6.9 percent raise for President Anderson in addition to a 5 percent merit pay bonus.
- This year faculty salaries will increase by 2.25 percent with some merit pay increases of 1.15 percent.
- Mary Washington College Administration's average salary is in the 90th percentile of schools of comparable size. MWC's faculty is in the 20th percentile of that group.
- Governor George Allen's proposed budget would strip Virginia's colleges and universities of \$47.4 million this year. As a result, general fund appropriations per student will drop from \$3,405 to \$3,225, and Virginia's national ranking for state funds per student will drop from 43rd to 45th.

Faculty Salary 20th Percentile, Admin 90th

By Heather Nelson
Special to the Bullet
and Beth McConnell
Bullet Assistant News Editor

Mary Washington College faculty salaries rank low compared to other small four-year liberal arts colleges in the country, according to a study completed in September 1994 by the Mary Washington Committee on Faculty Affairs.

The study, which included information from the Center for University Personnel Association, showed MWC faculty salaries at a meager 20th percentile in comparison to the comparable benchmark schools while MWC administrative salaries were in the 90th percentile compared to other baccalaureates nationally.

Mary Washington's benchmark group includes 24 similar institutions from across the country, such as Sonoma State University of

California, Skidmore College of New York, and Muhlenberg College of Pennsylvania.

Because of weak comparative faculty salaries and the failure of pay increases to exceed the cost of living, some faculty like Bruce O'Brien, assistant professor of history, are registering their complaints. O'Brien is the leader of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Affairs.

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Anderson Fights Funding Cuts In Richmond

By Beth McConnell
Bullet Assistant News Editor

College President William M. Anderson, Jr. spent last week lobbying the General Assembly to restore funds to college budgets and to raise faculty salaries.

Anderson said that in Richmond, he and other college presidents fought against Governor George Allen's proposed 1995-'96 budget, which would take away \$47.4 million from Virginia's colleges and universities.

The Virginia Business-Higher Education Council, composed of college presidents and 36 Virginia business leaders, opposed the education cuts. According to Anderson, these top corporate leaders brought their influence to bear upon the General Assembly.

John T. Hazel, chair of the council, addressed the State House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees on Jan. 16, to persuade them to return money from the Commonwealth's General Fund to use in higher education.

"If we want jobs to come — and stay in Virginia, we must produce knowledgeable workers to fill them," said Hazel.

Hazel said that colleges and universities have suffered too many cuts and cannot afford more. Higher education's share of the state budget dropped to 11.4 percent last year from 14.5 percent in 1990, according to Hazel.

Hazel also said that Virginia students pay more for education than

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Salad Bar Snowman

This snowman, located on the back porch of the Eagles Nest at the beginning of the week, was the product of the three inches of snow that blanketed the campus Saturday. Flurries continued through Monday afternoon, but didn't stick to the ground. The snowman was later trampled to death during a snowball fight among Nest employees.

A Blinking Light, Not A Stop Light At William St. Lot

By Lisa Erickson
Bullet Assistant News Editor

"Despite an accident in which sophomore Angela Fleming was struck by a car near the corner of William Street and Sunken Road on Nov. 16, a stop light and pedestrian crossing light will not be placed at the intersection.

Instead, the Fredericksburg City Council and Mary Washington College agreed to replace the current crosswalk with a brighter, ladder-style crosswalk and install a flashing, yellow caution light. The changes are expected to be completed within the month.

"In response to this accident the college wrote a letter and requested that we take a look at some additional measures that could be taken to make this crossing safer," said Mike Naggs, code compliance officer for the City of Fredericksburg, at the Jan. 23 City Council meeting.

Last September, junior Derek Botcher, safety committee co-chair, spoke with Midge Poyle, executive assistant to the president, and Naggs concerning the installation of a traffic signal or pedestrian signal at the intersection with the completion of the residential parking lot on the corner of William Street and Sunken Road.

"We looked at the whole situation [in September] and said this is where we're going to see a substantial cost. We haven't had an accident there. It's a little inconvenient for a student to have to wait five minutes to cross the road, but all things considered, it's not the time to build the light," Botcher said.

"The issue was for the most part

settled until the accident," he said.

According to Naggs, the Fredericksburg Public Works Office recommended at the Jan. 23 meeting the implementation of a crosswalk and caution light to the City Council. City codes that would justify a stoplight at the intersection necessitate 500 people to cross the intersection every hour, or an abundance of vehicle traffic in the area. An additional obstacle is the cost of a stoplight and pedestrian crossing light, which is approximately \$58,000, according to Naggs. However, because of requests from within the community, a traffic light is still being considered.

"Because of the fact that the College has brought this up again, we wanted the Council to know that there are requests in the community that we consider [putting in a traffic light]," Naggs said.

According to Naggs, Thomas Shalton, director of public works for the City of Fredericksburg, in conjunction with Virginia Power, is currently in the process of relocating the caution light used on the Fall Hill Avenue entrance of the former Mary Washington hospital to the William Street and Sunken Road intersection.

"It is our intention to implement those improvements at this time," Naggs said at the meeting.

At the City Council meeting, Ralph Hicks, vice-mayor and representative for Ward 3, which includes College Heights and the William Street Lot, questioned the college's involvement in the installation of the safety measures.

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Peer Education Protests Marines

By Kendra L. Williams
Bullet Associate Editor

The officers stand shoulder to shoulder at a recruiting table in the Woodard Campus Center. Their shiny brass buttons gleam under the fluorescent lights. Their haircuts are fresh, their appearance is sharp, and they are ready to employ graduating seniors hungry for jobs.

They are representatives of the United States Marine Corps, and they visit the Mary Washington College campus approximately once a month to talk with potential recruits for positions as Marine Corps officers. But because all branches of the U.S. military do not recruit openly gay individuals to serve—thereby following the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" policy outlined by President William Clinton—both the MWC Human Relations Peer Educators and some faculty members regularly set up tables nearby to protest the hiring practices of the Marine Corps.

Assistant Professor of Geography Donald Rallis, who demonstrates his opposition to the on-campus recruiting by talking with both Marine Corps officers and interested students, said that because he believes the Marine Corps hiring practices are

discriminatory, and because the college allows the officers to recruit on campus and use campus facilities, the college itself is discriminating against gay, lesbian and bisexual students.

"I think it is just grossly insulting. The college is giving support and providing facilities to an organization that does not conform to our policies. We say we do not discriminate, but by allowing organizations that do, that is to discriminate ourselves," Rallis said.

Rallis articulated his concerns in a letter to College President William M. Anderson, Jr. last fall, and according to Rallis, Anderson did not agree with Rallis' point of view.

Anderson was not available for comment.

The U.S. Department of Defense "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" policy directs the military to refrain from asking if an individual is a homosexual, and in turn directs homosexuals to keep their sexual orientation to themselves. If any members of the military disclose their homosexual orientation, they are discharged.

Roy Speckhardt, co-chairman of the MWC Human Relations Peer

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Chris Ogilvie/Bullet

Peer Educators face down Marines who are recruiting students in Woodard Campus Center in protest policies concerning gays in the military.

News Briefs

• Orders for caps, gowns and tassels for graduation can be picked up Feb. 16 - 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All graduates are required to wear standard MWC graduation attire.

• Any BA or BS degree candidates who want to review his/her senior check sheet should see Mrs. Kemp in Student Records, George Washington Hall.

• Students can withdraw passing/failing Jan. 31 - Mar. 24 without the grade affecting the student's grade point average.

• MWC Housing Selection will be held April 4 - 6 in the Great Hall and Meeting Room 1 in the Campus Center, 6 p.m. - midnight and in Meeting Room 2, 3-5 p.m.

• There will be a Gospel Extravaganza in Dodd Auditorium on Feb. 5, 3 p.m., no charge.

• The Studio Art Faculty Exhibition will be on display in the duPont Gallery Jan. 13 - Feb. 19, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday 1-4 p.m.; free.

• Dr. Dolores Warwick Freese of the University of Notre Dame will give a lecture entitled "Three Men and a Baby: Boccaccio, Petrarch, Chaucer and the Making of Patient Griselda," Feb. 2, Woodard Campus Center, Red Room; 7:30 p.m.; free.

• MWC has established a new "Information Hotline" that will provide a weekly listing of public events at the college and regular updates of any schedule changes. The "Hotline," maintained by MWC's Office of College Relations, can be reached 24

hours a day at 654-2424. There is no charge for using this service.

• Sports schedules and scores are available through the 24-hour "Athletic Hotline" at 899-4991, operated by the Sports Information Office.

• The Free Lance-Star will award a \$2,500 internship to a minority college student for a 10-week period during the summer of 1995. Interns will cover events, interview newsmakers and write stories for publication. Eligibility includes the desire for a career in journalism, be a rising junior, senior or graduating senior in college. Send a cover letter, resume and five to six writing samples to The Free Lance-Star, Minority Journalism Internship, 616 Amelia Street, Fredericksburg, Va. 22401 by Feb. 10, 1995.

• Rape Aggression Defense Systems, R.A.D., will be holding Thursday classes on Jan. 19 and 26 and Feb. 29, 7-10 p.m. and Sunday classes on Jan. 22 and 29 and Feb. 5 and 12, 7-10 p.m. For more information or to register call 899-4634 or stop by 104B Lee Hall.

• Virginia Blood Services' donor center, located at 3940 Plank Road, Suite V, is requesting volunteers to give blood for children and other patients who depend on lifesaving blood transfusions. The center is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-8 p.m. For more information call 786-3491 or (804) 359-5100.

• ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking local host families for boys and girls from Scandinavia, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Holland, Great Britain, Poland, the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland, Mexico,

Brazil, Japan, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Students are 15 to 18 years of age and coming to this area for the upcoming high school year. Those persons interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family or an exchange student should contact ASSE's local representative Judy Steele at (703) 786-4450 or 1-800-677-2773.

• The University of New Orleans will sponsor a special 20th Anniversary session of its annual International Summer School in Innsbruck, Austria during the summer of 1995. Participants can earn up to 10 semester hours of credit (fully transferable according to the usual rules), selecting from over 50 courses offered in a wide variety of subject areas. The Uno-Innsbruck International Summer School will convene with gala opening ceremonies July 2 and will end Aug. 12, 1995. Enrollment is limited, so interested students should apply as soon as possible. For a full-color brochure and course descriptions write to: Uno-Innsbruck-1995, International Study Programs, Box 1315, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, La. 70148 or call the Uno Office of International Study Programs at (504) 286-7116.

• James Madison University is opening recruitment for the Fall 1995 and Spring 1996 International Internship positions. Complete details and application materials are available for approximately fifty positions each semester in ten countries. Interested students may request information directly from Judy Cohen, Program Coordinator, at Paul Street House, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va. 22807, (703) 568-6979, fax (703) 568-3310. The deadline for applications for both semesters is March 13.

POLICE BEAT

By Jeremy Cline
Bulletin Staff Writer

DUI/DIP

• On Jan. 27 Carlos T. Williams, a non-student of Fredericksburg, was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) and driving after being declared a habitual offender on Powhatan Street.

• On Jan. 29 campus police discovered three non-students throwing snowballs at Bushnell Hall. Ronald Tyson, of Fredericksburg, was charged with drink in public. The other two were not charged but were, however, barred from campus.

• On Jan. 30 Brian Atkins, a non-student of Fredericksburg, was charged with DUI on William Street.

• On Jan. 28 David Heflin, a non-student, was charged with DUI on College Avenue.

• On Jan. 29 an intoxicated student

was taken from Virginia Hall to the health center.

Harrasment

• On Jan. 24 there was a suspicious phone call to Ball Hall. The incident is still under investigation.

• On Jan. 24 there was an annoying phone call to Marshall Hall. The incident is still under investigation.

• On Jan. 27 there was a harassing phone call to Jefferson Hall. The incident is still under investigation.

Theft

• On Jan. 26 a bar of ice cream was stolen from the Eagle's Nest. The incident is being handled by the Eagle's Nest management.

• On Jan. 28 there was a car stereo stolen from the Background. The incident is still under investigation.

Misc.

• On Jan. 19 a Wackenhut security

guard left his post in Jefferson Hall. The matter was referred to Wackenhut and the individual was barred from campus.

• On Jan. 26 there was a report of suspicious activity in Russell Hall. The incident is still under investigation.

• On Jan. 25 there was a report of possibly racially motivated vandalism in Randolph Hall. Someone had drawn a swastika on a Black History Month poster. The incident is still under investigation.

• On Jan. 26 there was a fire alarm in Bushnell Hall due to burnt food.

• On Jan. 29 a fake I.D. was found in the snow. The incident is still under investigation.

• On Jan. 29 Richard Holguin, a non-student of Fredericksburg, was charged on the corner of Franklin Street and Monument Street for possession of marijuana.



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Educators, questions the military's idea of honor because he believes that the military asks gays and lesbians to lie. A flier that Speckhardt placed on his "protest table" across from the Marine recruiters reads, "The military is not allowed to ask recruits their sexual orientation, but if service members volunteer this information, they will be expelled. The effect of this policy is to force lesbians and gay men to lie. Telling the truth about their sexual orientation is a punishable offense. Lying, however, is acceptable. Is this what the military means by honor?"

Staff Sgt. Murray Van Pelt, public affairs director for the Marine Corps recruiting station in Richmond Va., responded to Bulletin questions by fax. Van Pelt said he believes that is the the very work of the Marine Corps that has preserved an individual's right to protest. "First, the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue' policy, as it is called, is Department of Defense policy directed by President William J. Clinton. Commander In Chief of the Armed Forces. Second, we feel that we are succeeding at our job. After all, Marines have fought, died, and triumphed for more than 219 years to guarantee Americans the right to protest--no matter what their cause," Van Pelt wrote.

Speckhardt believes--as does Rallis and other protesters--that the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy violates the MWC Statement of Community Values and Behavioral Expectations and unless the military's policy changes, the Marine Corps should not recruit here. "[We used to believe that] the military should not recruit on campus because it would create an oppressive environment for certain students and that was not outweighing the benefits recruiters would have [on potential recruits]," Speckhardt said.

"We're not really saying that they shouldn't be there, we're just saying their policies are discriminatory," he added.

When the Office of Career Services publishes their listing of "Look Who's Recruiting" each month, the staff includes a printed statement located on the bottom of the

page stating that organizations recruiting on campus may not reflect the standards set by the MWC Statement of Community Values and Behavioral Expectations.

However, Forrest McGill, director of the Riderhof Martin Gallery, and Rallis both said that they talk to the Marine recruiters to let them know their stance on the issue. "I ask them what they feel about their own

personal responsibilities about recruiting. Is what the military means by honor?"

But Van Pelt said that Marines are under orders to follow military policy. "Presently, the courts have ruled that such an admission [of homosexuality] demonstrates propensity to commit homosexual acts and prohibits the person from serving in the military. The Marine Corps is tasked to implement government policy. While we are not a part of the decision-making process, we are required by law to carry out policy decisions as directed by the president or legislated by Congress and ruled on by the courts. As we have done in the past, when policies are changed we will change accordingly," Van Pelt wrote.

In spite of the disagreement, everyone involved appears to view the recruiting and protesting experience as educational for everyone involved. Speckhardt said more students stop to read Human Relations peer educators' material

about the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy than stop to talk with a Marine Corps officer. "The main reason we're doing this is one: if we don't do it, nothing can change. If we do it, there's a chance for change. And two: about seven people stopped to see us for every one that stopped to see them, so it's really an educating process," Speckhardt said.

But Speckhardt also wonders if the presence of the protesters bothers the Marine Corps officers that visit the campus because he says that it is rare that the same officers return for another visit.

Van Pelt dismissed that idea. "Only one officer selection team is assigned to Mary Washington College. It's comprised of two persons: one commissioned officer and one staff

noncommissioned officer. Occasionally, the team is accompanied by recently-commissioned Mary Washington graduates. Officer recruiting duty is a special duty outside of a Marine's normal job specialty. A new team is assigned every three years when the former team returns to the Fleet Marine Force for duty in their regular job fields. The only personal feeling involved is the desire to see the best and brightest qualified students become commissioned Marine officers," he wrote.

Speckhardt also caused a ripple of controversy down the halls of the MWC student offices last week when he circulated a memo to student leaders asking for their support on this

issue, asking the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student organization in particular for their support since this is primarily a gay rights issue. Senior K. Jason Bryan, former president of the GLBSA, said that he believes Speckhardt targeted the GLBSA in front of the rest of the student leaders, knowing that the GLBSA is not currently involved in political issues.

"We were the only group specifically asked to take part...At this time, members of our group are more in need of the support and social aspects we offer. We don't just deal with causes and goals--we deal with people's lives," Bryan said.

But Speckhardt said that even though the Human Relations Peer Educators are a diverse group, he would like to see more people involved.

"Peer educators are a diverse sector with diverse backgrounds, and this is primarily a gay issue, so it's a welcome thing to have an organized group of primarily gays, bisexuals, and lesbians and I hope they would want to be included in that," Speckhardt said.

The protesters and the recruiting officers have, by all accounts, treated each other with respect. McGill said that when he talks to the officers, he understands they have a job to do. "My impression was that the recruiters didn't disagree, but they have orders they have to follow," he said.

Rallis agreed and reiterated that his demonstration is not only for the Marines' benefit. "The whole point of being here is to let everybody know--to let the Marine Corps know, to let the students know, to let the faculty and the administration know--there are many of us on campus who find it deplorable that an employer with these policies recruits here," he said.

While Van Pelt did not directly answer whether or not Marine Corps recruiters interact with the protesters, he did write, "The team members are the Marine Corps' ambassadors. They treat all persons with whom they come in contact with dignity and respect at all times, regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, or sexual choice."

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Senate Beat

By Carl Poole
Bulletin Staff Writer

Welfare Committee Co-chair Mark McClure reported to senate that final work on the telephone installation in Mercer, College, and New halls will begin March 6. According to McClure, phone service should start in those residence halls after spring break.

McClure also announced that his committee is contacting the American Medical Association for assistance in investigating the health center, due to a motion questioning its efficiency last week.

Legislative Day, the state-wide rally in Richmond for higher education funding Feb. 15, has

been redubed General Assembly Day according to Senate President Todd Palcic.

SGA is trying to send a bus of fifty students to Richmond to join in the day long activities, said Palcic. SGA is writing letters to all professors to express the importance of their missing class for the day.

According to Palcic the senate program to recruit clubs and organizations to help with working in the mail room will start next week, stating that cash prizes will be given out. SGA has allotted \$100 to this project according to McClure.

Palcic also mentioned that president William Anderson might be in attendance at the meetings SGA cabinet is planning to have at freshman residence halls to speak to

the college's newest students.

Carlyn Floyd, senate parliamentarian and member of ARA's dining hall committee, reported the ARA's plans to operate the concession stand at the new baseball stadium. However, microwave and ice cream machine upgrades for Secoback, suggested by the committee, may not happen due to budget constraints.

Commencing Senator Donnie Gallitz motioned that the senate Student Opinion Committee conduct a poll to measure student satisfaction with the number of computers in Trinkle Hall available for use on the internet. The motion passed.

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students from other states, while the state pays less for each student than most other states.

Virginia ranked 43rd in the country in the amount of state support per student, while Virginia in-state undergraduates paid the second highest tuition for four-year public institutions.

Hazel said if the General Assembly approves the governor's reductions — a cut of \$47.4 million in general fund support — then the state's general fund support will, for the first time, pay for less than half of the total education and general budget.

As a result, general fund appropriations per student will drop from \$3,405 to \$3,225 and Virginia's national ranking for state funds per student will drop from 43rd to 45th.

"The council urges the General Assembly to restore the cuts and begin to improve Virginia's competitive position," said Hazel.

Anderson said he was encouraged by the business leaders' support and impressed with Hazel's remarks.

"[Hazel] spoke from a businessman's perspective and quoted other executives. He said [the state] needs to restore funding to higher education," said Anderson.

College presidents and business leaders joined together to promote an amendment to the budget which all council members signed, asking to have funds restored to college budgets.

"We all stuck together, and got [the General Assembly's] attention," said Anderson.

Anderson also lobbied for the faculty salary increase recommended by the State Council of Higher Education. SCHEV suggested a 6 percent increase for Mary Washington faculty over the next five years, the highest increase in the state. He said the state's goal is to have each college's average faculty salary ranking in the 60th

percentile compared to a peer group, chosen by SCHEV, consisting of 24 similar institutions.

The state awards a sum of money to each college, which is distributed by the instructional departments among the faculty according to each professor's performance that year, according to Anderson. Pay increases could range from 3.5 to 6 percent, if the General Assembly approves the SCHEV recommendation.

Anderson said that six years ago, MWC faculty salaries ranked in the 60th percentile. Because of state budget problems, and because most of MWC's peer colleges are private institutions, MWC is now third from the bottom of its peer group. The 6 percent increase would rectify this problem.

Schools in Mary Washington's peer group are colleges all over the country similar to MWC in size and scope.

However, Anderson doubted the Assembly would approve the entire increase.

"I know we'll have a salary increase, just not how much," he said. "I told the faculty that it is a top priority to get salaries back in the 60th percentile."

Faculty salaries are often supplemented by money from the college budget, according to Anderson. Part of the college's restructuring plan includes ways to save money within the administration and the operations budget to add to faculty salary increases.

According to Mary Podlesny, budget director for the college, salaries and fringe benefits for all college employees comprise between 80 and 85 percent of the educational and non-general fund budget.

"[College presidents] made the case in Richmond that the faculty have heavy workloads. They need compensation for it. [We need] the government to allow us to improve salaries," Anderson.

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"I got interested because faculty salaries stayed still—they were dead. I make less in three years than when I started," said O'Brien.

This year faculty salaries will increase by 2.25 percent with some merit pay increases of 1.15 percent.

Marjorie Poock, executive assistant to the president, claims that society is going through tough economic times with cuts on higher education and that the whole movement in general is suffering. She added that it takes legislative support, higher education support and support from college presidents to work to combat the decline in higher education she perceives.

"The president can only control so much," she said.

Chair of Psychology Department Tophir Bill, who prepared the study with Assistant Professor of Mathematics Larry Lehman, believes the faculty study results are accurate, and they are reason for concern.

"The benchmark group is a fairly realistic comparison group. I am comfortable being compared to them, but I am uncomfortable that our salaries are so low," said Bill.

He added that according to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Mary Washington, along with all other Virginia colleges, should have salaries higher than 60 percent of those in their respective benchmark groups. Instead, Mary Washington ranks at the bottom fourth when compared to schools in its benchmark group. As a result of the 1990 economic crunch the state has not enforced this guideline.

O'Brien believes the battle to increase salaries does not end with the faculty.

"I would also like to see classified salaries increase," he said.

Classified workers perform groundwork, work in the mail room and other jobs on campus. O'Brien said they are poorly compensated, compared with the rise in the cost of living.

"This school would not stop functioning if the administration disappeared, but it would stop dead if the classified employees were gone," O'Brien said.

The average faculty salary at Mary Washington is around \$42,700 and for incoming faculty it tends to range in the low \$30,000s. According to John Morello, chair of the committee on faculty affairs, the president awards a certain amount of money and sets targets for each faculty position. The department chair must make a request to exceed that target. Therefore, salaries depend on what the last person who filled that position earned. In the end

the state sets the ultimate guidelines since it allots the funds for state faculty salaries.

In 1992-1993, faculty salaries increased by 5.5 percent and in 1993-1994 by 3.4 percent, according to Bill.

At the Nov. 2, 1994 faculty meeting Anderson announced, "I noted last year that we intended to have faculty salary increases our number one priority."

Therefore, Anderson has requested a 6 percent salary increase from the General Assembly, of which a large amount will go towards faculty salaries. SCHEV also recommended this increase so that MWC could be at the 60th percentile within its benchmark group.

Poock defended Anderson's effort to increase faculty salaries.

"He is always pushing for salaries. Many faculty think these are only words, but it really is a priority for him. He works hard behind the scenes with legislators, letting them know we can't continue to suffer cuts," she said.

However, while some faculty members understand this, they continue to remain frustrated.

The administration has not been able to put a dent in salaries. People get a little tired of hearing it, some feel frustration because of that," Bill said. However, he did say, "I'm not sure what we could expect the Board [of Visitors] to do short of taking it out of their own pocket. We are not a heavily endowed institution."

The administration also feels frustrated about faculty salaries, according to College Provost Philip Hall and Dean of Faculty Barbara Palmer. They point to state restrictions as a problem.

Palmer explained that as of Dec. 1, 1994, Virginia Governor George Allen ordered a freeze on hiring state employees. Furthermore, even if Anderson wanted to give the faculty a 10 percent raise, faculty salaries cannot exceed SCHEV's guidelines.

Hall said, "There is little or nothing the college can do. It's a faculty salary problem in the state of Virginia. President Anderson is not alone among presidents."

Palmer said that hiring will be tough in the short run, but the college will continue to attract a multitude of qualified candidates. However, Bill and other department chairs are finding the present hiring situation a trying task.

"This is the first time I hired someone when the salary looked so meager," Bill said.

O'Brien agreed that entering faculty may face some hardships. "You're offering people coming in \$32,000 with a teaching load twice as much as other places," said O'Brien.

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- Bruce O'Brien
assistant professor of history

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salaries, his choice would be to not have given the merit bonus, and only increased presidential salaries 2.25 percent. This raise would match all other state employees' raises, including his own agency heads and Cabinet secretaries, according to the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Times-Dispatch also quoted Allen's memo to the college board members, where the governor expressed his disapproval of the 6.9 percent increase and merit bonus.

"While I trust that your decisions on state-funded pay were determined after a complete and thorough performance evaluation for the previous 12-month period, your actions are well above the salary increases being provided to other state employees and faculty," Allen wrote in the letter.

Beverly Sgro, secretary of education for Virginia, said on Jan. 10 that the college presidents needed and deserved the increase, especially to remain competitive with other states' college leaders, according to Anderson.

"She said the demands on our time justified the increase," said Anderson.

The Assembly is still discussing other salary increases. In his draft of the budget bill currently before the Assembly, Allen suggested a 2.25 percent base pay raise

plus a merit bonus for all state employees, which includes classified staff.

However, Allen demanded that the state agencies finance these raises, instead of the state, said Ron Singleton, director of college relations and legislative affairs.

According to Singleton, the Assembly is presently discussing plans to finance the salary increases. Under Allen's plan, schools will be required to pay the salary hike for classified staff.

Classified staff includes secretaries, groundskeepers, and anyone not in the administration or faculty, according to Anderson.

Singleton said that to finance the salaries, schools would have to raise tuition, cut their budgets, or give smaller or no increases in salary. According to Singleton, the General Assembly could instead find funds for the salaries.

"It's a way of cutting the [college] budget without calling it a budget cut," said Singleton.

The General Assembly will decide on how to fund the salary hike during approval of the budget bill, which should be passed Feb. 6.

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"This council continues to get the blame for a lot of things. Here we've got a parking lot for the college and these young folks pay a lot of money in tuition every year to go to that college," Hicks said. "Now that we've had this unfortunate event everyone comes back to the city and says, 'City, what are you going to do about it?' My question is what is the college going to help us do about it?"

Gordon Shelton, representative for Ward 1, which includes the shopping areas on Route 3 east, agreed with Hicks concerning the history of the college's financial support for the city.

"For many, many years I have tried to get the college to pay their fair share and nothing ever happens. It depends on whose ox is getting gored," Shelton said.

The City Council motioned for Fredericksburg Public Works to continue with the plans for the installation of the caution light and the ladder-style crosswalk with 50 percent financial support from Mary Washington College.

According to Ron Singleton, director of college relations and legislative affairs, the college will be paying for approximately \$1,500 of the estimated \$2,500 project from a college operating fund.

"[The William Street parking lot] is a major investment. We're very interested in providing safe access to that parking lot," Singleton said.

According to Naggs, the College has been encouraged to inform students of the possible safety hazards when accessing the William Street parking lot.

"We've also talked to the college about education and encouraging students to use the pedestrian push button which the college paid for when the city upgraded the traffic signal which is at William Street and College Avenue," Naggs said to the City Council.

At the City Council meeting, Naggs also recommended that the Fredericksburg Public Works and Virginia Power conduct a technical survey to determine the necessity of an upgrade to the traffic signals on William Street. This includes the possible installation of a full-circuit traffic signal to replace the new caution light being installed on the corner of William Street and Sunken Road.

The survey would cost approximately \$8,000-\$10,000 in addition to costs for the synchronization of other traffic

signals near the intersection. According to Singleton, if the city decided to pursue the possibility of a regular traffic signal, the college would participate in the costs of the survey and installation of the light.

According to Botcher, the city decided to wait until the completion of the East/West connector, connecting Route 3 and Lafayette Boulevard, to decide if the intersection of William Street and Sunken Road needed a regular traffic light.

"What they are hoping is that [the East/West connector] will re-route a lot of traffic away from the stretch of Route 3 from [the William Street parking lot]," Botcher said. "Right now it's anyone's guess as to how effective that will be at removing the traffic."

In addition, the city is installing another pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Route 1 and College Avenue. According to Hicks this crosswalk will "benefit everyone, the citizens of Fredericksburg and the college community."

Hicks accompanied by Jim Shelhorse, public relations officer for the Fredericksburg police, and Jeffrey John, a College Avenue resident, met with Student Government Association student leaders, senior Community relations co-chairperson Heather Jacobs, junior Legislative Action Committee chair Geof Hart, sophomore Community Relations co-chairperson Andie Tapscott and Botcher on campus Jan. 31.

According to Botcher, the William Street and Sunken Road caution light and the possibility of a regular traffic light were discussed along with other issues concerning the college and Fredericksburg community.

"This wasn't totally brought on by the city," Hicks said. "I'm looking at fairness for the students and the community. You have to look at both sides of the issue."

Botcher responded positively to the meeting with Hicks and looks forward to future meetings between the college and Fredericksburg communities.

"Now we have experienced dialogue with the city and positive dialogue with the community as well," Botcher said. "I think a building block would be a very good word for [the meeting] because we are sort of seeing eye-to-eye more and more."

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- Ralph Hicks
vice mayor and representative for ward 3 in Fredericksburg

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OPINIONS

A Different Voice

As a newspaper, we are limited as to what we can do on these pages. Sure, we can print the facts, but our opinions are confined to pages 4 and 5. We feel obliged to limit our extreme opinions. Believe us, it's not easy.

Although they are not the primary focus or concern of the paper, we do form opinions as members of the college community. These two pages are a relatively small percentage of our weekly publication. We do not feel we abuse our journalistic role.

Perhaps our opinions section is not accessible to the whole student body, or maybe the opinions expressed are not representative of our audience.

There must be voices out there that we won't publish, be they extreme or simply one-sided, no matter how true their message might be. This creates a void which needs to be filled. The inception of publications like *The Mighty Pen* are important because they can voice a need which could not be supplied by the Bulletin.

Although it is not accessible to everyone, *The Mighty Pen* has provided a paper expressing both the extreme and diverse opinions of the student body.

We must admit, when *The Mighty Pen* first came out, we weren't sure it was going to last. The arguments it presents are interesting at best, but devoid of facts and decent attribution. Coupled with the unwillingness of the authors to stand behind their work with their own names, this cripples the credibility of the Pen. Then the second issue arrived, and we became more hopeful. If not better, this issue proves *The Pen* is at least consistent. We think that if *The Pen* can last through the end of the semester and the student body is still interested in reading it, the paper will probably have a good chance of becoming an institution.

So do, however, have a few concerns and suggestions meant only to help *The Pen* become an even more powerful instrument. So here they are:

Underground newspapers can afford to be unbalanced; after all, they are presenting their own opinions. However, even opinions must be based on fact and presented in a logical manner. We feel (and have heard from other people) that although the opinions in *The Pen* are interesting enough, the presentation of the arguments is somewhat lacking. This is due in part to the fact that the arguments are only loosely based on fact. Case in point: "Reefer Madness." The only source was the Student Handbook with unsubstantiated facts about marijuana versus alcohol deaths. With no authority to associate with the "facts" in the piece, we must take "Reefer Madness" with a grain of salt.

Another gripe: the anonymity of *The Mighty Pen*. Yes, yes, we know that this creates "an aura of mystery" and that the Pen's audience should be more concerned with what the editors have to say than with who they are. Taking that logic, the Bulletin could also conceivably be published anonymously. However, when people read the Bulletin, they are not concerned with the reporter (and most likely glance right over the reporter's name) simply because the most important information on the page is that which is found in the article or column itself. The power of *The Pen* would certainly be increased if the editors would be bold enough to place their names alongside their opinions.

One more thing: *The Pen* says it welcomes letters that "express opinions different from our own" and then in the second issue an editor's note proceeded to poke fun at two letter writers. This type of defensive attitude does not do much to encourage students to write letters (and we think that as an underground opinion paper the last thing *The Pen* would want to do is alienate its readership).

We do not mean this criticism as an attack on *The Mighty Pen*. Simply the fact that these students had the courage and fortitude to start their own paper is extremely admirable. It is our hope that they endure, continue to improve and express the diverse opinions of the student body, and that they maintain a strong and loyal readership.

Job Opportunities

The Think Tank at the Bulletin has found a solution to the traffic light problem on Williams Street -- student traffic directors. In an effort to promote goodwill, the college will create 15 new student positions, under the command of H. Conrad Warlick, vice president for administrative and student services. Seven days a week students will control traffic and pedestrians, eliminating the need for both a cautionary light and a \$50,000 traffic light. We estimate the cost at approximately \$10,000 a year.

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Professor Asks: "Are You A Feminist?"

By Constance Smith
Guest Columnist

In her book "Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women," Susan Faludi quotes Rebecca West: "I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is; I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat." The remarkable thing about this comment is that she made it in 1913, 81 years ago. By 1995, one would think that we had come closer to a real understanding of what "feminist" is, but, in fact, the word still eludes, puzzles and even misleads us. The writer Nancy Mairs apologized in her essay "On Not Liking Sex": "Nor am I even a good feminist, since I seldom think abstractly and tend to run principles together like the paints on a sloppy artist's palette, the results being colorful but hardly coherent." This was in the first iteration of the essays; in the revision, published in her book "Plaintext" in 1986, she says, "I am, in fact, a perfectly good if unsystematic feminist," and wonders what made her want to appear "nonradical."

There are those who tell us that it is impossible to be a feminist and a Christian (while Christian feminism is doing fine, some of its most ardent supporters are priests). Some say it is impossible to be a feminist and a pro-lifer, or a man, or a housewife, or even a wife at all. That is ridiculous. The heart of feminism simply involves taking women seriously as full human persons and making sure they have the rights and the societal support to exercise that full personhood. If they need equal pay, child care, parental leave, flex time and freedom from sexual harassment so they can choose to pursue careers, then they should have those things. If they elect to raise

their children at home in full partnership with their husbands, then they should have the intellectual stimulation, the opportunities for bonding with other women and the free time and recreation they require to do that successfully. Being a "feminist" is not hating men; it is valuing women and their lives.

It is interesting to me that the word itself has become so problematic that we are being advised (by Helene Cixous, among others) to drop it. Some are busy coining alternatives, like writer Alice Walker's "womanist." Participants in the Women's Liberation movement of the 1960s were quickly trivialized as "women's libbers," a label uttered with contempt, and the letters NOW (National Organization of Women) have been said to stand for "Neglected Overweight Women." The controversial Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution reads, in its entirety, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on the basis of sex." It was proposed in 1923. It has never passed. These facts alone should show clearly that it is still dangerous in our culture to take women and women's issues seriously. To be women-centered or women-oriented in the most unassuming and mild-mannered way is to be radical. Again, to quote Susan Faludi:

Feminism's agenda is basic: It asks that women not be asked to choose between public justice and private happiness. It asks that women be free to define themselves...The fact that these are still such incendiary notions should tell us that American women have a way to go before they enter the promised land of equality.

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Time For Political Action Is Now

By Geoffrey Hart
Guest Columnist

The time for action is now! Sign this postcard, call your representative, what's next? It seems as if we on the Legislative Action Committee and the entire Student Government Association are always telling you it's time to think about your future. Who has time for all this action and worry? After all, we are students who have classes, homework, exams, papers, perhaps a small social life and if we are lucky a bit of sleep. What difference can Richmond and Washington make in our lives anyway?

The answer may shock you. It does not make a difference if students and young adults worry about the future. The world will continue. In fact, many people would be happy as clams if we did not care about our future. Young adults get in the way and are quite a pain in the neck for the other groups of society. It makes

the process of destroying the future easier if we do not take action and speak our minds for our future.

Without young adults' inputs, a college education may no longer be affordable to most Virginians, the safety of MWC students crossing the street would not be protected, young Americans would not be able to vote, and a number of individual concerns of young people wouldn't be addressed. Taken to the extreme, young people would be forgotten completely.

Would this happen? I don't believe so, not entirely. Our parents would not sell our generation down the river, but I don't believe they see things as we do. How often do you agree with your parents? I bet it is not all that often or on every issue which affects your life. We are different and our concerns for the country are different.

So what difference would it make if you stand up and take action for higher education funding and the other issues which you believe in? It

makes all the difference in the world. We must make it known that we, as young Virginians and Americans, believe in the process. We must make it known that we are watching our representatives in Richmond and Washington, watching to make sure they respond to our needs and desires.

How can this be done? It's simple. Call me up, Geoff Hart, LAC Chairperson, in the Student Government Association office at 899-4308; drop me a note in Box 601 with your name, box and phone number; or drop by the campus center next week to sign up to participate in General Assembly Day on Feb. 15. Not only is this for a great cause, but it is sure to be fun and educational. Students from across the Commonwealth will be in Richmond to work on the same cause: higher education funding. Transportation to Richmond and information will be provided to you free for this truly important activity. Mary Washington is hoping to bring over fifty students to this event so your participation is

vital. Please sign up today.

In the future it would be nice to not have to ask for action and attention. The Legislative Action Committee and SGA as a whole would like to be able to work on other projects which need attention: 24/7 visitation, improving communications to students about on-campus events, a game room on campus and a bunch of other issues which need to be addressed by the SGA. Yet when budget time comes, our focus must be towards Richmond and the budget of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Our existence depends on it. Let's all hope that this year, our activities, including General Assembly Day on February 15th, make a lasting difference in Virginia politics. Perhaps next year we won't need to be telling you that the time for action is now!

Geoff Hart is the Legislative Action Committee chairman and a senior economics major.

Letters to the Editor

Holiday Decorations Column Sparks Debate

There was a column in the January 19 edition in which the columnist brought up what she felt was a double standard in the Mary Washington community; the ongoing Christmas decorations argument. It seems that some poor soul, overcome with seasonal mirth and joy decided to make a political statement by putting up a Christmas tree. The author of the column, seeking oppression in the most minute things as is all the rage on our campus, decided upon religious grounds that the tree was offensive to her. She wrote, "Isn't there something in the Constitution about the separation of church and state?"

I have not studied the Constitution very extensively, so I cannot take exception to her dispute based upon that. I can, however, point out that a Christmas tree is not a religious symbol. It is a pagan tradition which originated in Germany many centuries ago. She may wish to write back complaining about all the devout Christians who display Christmas trees in their homes during the holidays, calling them hypocrites and what not. I don't know. She felt that the slew of decorations in her dormitory for the holiday season was a "strange phenomenon."

Personally, I do not feel that the holiday season was a "strange phenomenon." Personally, I do not feel that holiday decorations are

that unique. I mean, what town in America doesn't live it up a bit for the holidays? Her argument is not a new one to me. Last year in my dorm, for instance, there was much ruckus concerning the Nativity scene which adorned one of our lobbies. Someone in authority, acting diplomatically, ordered the scene removed.

She and others may want to know what religious standpoint governs my opinions. I am a Christian by birth, never have attended mass, and do not incorporate religion into anything I do. People like labels, so call me an agnostic. My family and I celebrate Christmas and Easter, but not on religious grounds. We use these holidays as unifying times for our family, and I suppose (to use a Clinton administrative buzzword) to work on our family values. As a kid I sang religious Christmas carols not because I loved God, but because my family would sing them as well and that gave me some comfort and security as well as serving to reinforce the festive mood that I was feeling. So I ask of everyone everywhere, if you want to be "diverse," as the young lady who felt offended by the Christmas tree seemed to want, tolerate people with differing views rather than trying to pick a fight.

Zak Billmeier
Sophomore

I am responding to a disturbing column which appeared in the

January 19th edition of the Bulletin. Eleanor Stanford, the author of the column titled "ARH Holiday Decorating Contest Leaves Little Room For Diversity," should receive no pity from the MWC community. I have three major grievances with Ms. Stanford's column.

My first grievance centers around the fact that she made no attempt to be at the hall decorating meeting. If I felt as strongly about diversity, as Ms. Stanford claims to, I would make a tremendous effort to attend campus activities relating to diversity, especially during the holiday season. In my opinion, if she made no attempt to attend the meeting, she has absolutely no right to complain.

My second grievance with this column is that she was ultimately allowed to hang her decorations. Stars of David, menorahs, and dreidels are all clearly religious symbols. Although I find this policy absolutely ridiculous it is still a policy that must be adhered to. This policy applies to all students of all religions. Why, I ask, was Ms. Stanford permitted to hang her religious decorations? Furthermore I simply don't understand why Ms. Stanford is complaining. She was after all permitted, inadvertently I hope, to break standard policy. If anyone is to be complaining, it should be

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Student Transition Program Director Responds to Column

In the November 17, 1994 Mary Washington College Bulletin issue I read a column on the opinion page by a student journalist who reported on the Student Transition Program. Typically I would read an article and take it for what it's worth and move on with my daily routine. With this particular column, I must admit, I was totally taken aback by what, to me, is clearly an unjustified attack on the Student Transition Program.

The Student Transition Program is a program sponsored by all state-supported schools within the Commonwealth of Virginia. The primary outcome of the program is to enhance diversity as it relates to

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Bullet Misrepresents The Mighty Pen

Is the pen mightier than the sword? The real question is, is the pen mightier than the Bulletin?

We understand why an established paper like the Bulletin would discount the seriousness of a fledgling publication like our own. However, this is no excuse for the inaccurate portrayal of our first issue in your January 26 edition. Anti-conservative? We prefer to call ourselves liberal. We cannot imagine that you find President Anderson's

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Civil Rights Movements Parallel in Struggles

By Jason Bryan
Guest Columnist

Welcome to February, Black History Month. Some people question the place of this month in our calendar, often using the ever-so-witty retort, "There isn't a White History Month, so why do we need a Black History Month?" These people have somehow failed to notice that every month is White History Month, that in fact everyday is White Anglo-Saxon Protestant Heterosexual Male Day. This is the society in which we live, the old regime that we are fighting each day to slowly pull away from.

I think Black History Month is wonderful, and very important because it is at this time that society recognizes the contributions African-Americans have made to our world that are so often left out of history books and the social consciousness. African-Americans are a disenfranchised community, with a distant culture, a complex history, and a significant place in the fabric of American society. Black History Month is a time for African-Americans to celebrate their history and their triumphs in the Civil Rights Movement, their culture and the diversity of their community. It is a time to show positive African-American role models, keeping hope and pride alive for those who find holding on to those things difficult.

It is at this time each year that, as a gay man, I wonder if and when a Gay History Month may find its way into the calendar. The Gay Civil Rights Movement is not that much younger than, and not so different from, the African-American Civil Rights Movement.

The African-American Civil Rights Movement rally began under the leadership of the Big Four, though it was preceded by the foundation years of groups like FOR and the

NAACP. The Gay Civil Rights Movement began after the Stonewall Riots in New York, June 1969, though this also was preceded by the activities of other groups, such as the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis. The African-

The Gay Civil Rights Movement started when drag-queens and bar patrons rioted against police brutality, and has followed the same non-violent philosophies which guided the African-American Civil Rights Movement.

As homophobia, come from the same ignorance and bigotry. African-Americans and Gays and Lesbians have faced similar discrimination in housing, employment, and general social treatment. Yes, you can look at someone and see their race; and yes, you can look at someone and not know their sexual orientation. People who hide their sexual orientation, however, live in constant fear and distress, and three-fourths of teen suicides are gay, lesbian, bisexual youth. Would anyone hide their race if they could? I

hope not.

Gays and Lesbians are a disenfranchised community. We are a diverse sub-culture of this society. We have a history, and have made great contributions to the patchwork of America. We need positive role models to give hope and pride to others like us. We are at a time and place where the minorities of this country need to recognize our similarities, as well as our differences, and come together, use our strengths to keep pushing the limits of society to create change and progress.

As for Black History Month, I'd like to see something celebrating Gay and Lesbian African-Americans, who faced two-fold oppression in their lives, making their contributions to our world that much more incredible.

Jason Bryan is a senior drama major and former president of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Association.

Candid Quotes From Campus Walk

Question: A recent Harvard Study found that 44 percent of college students binge drink. With binge drinking defined as four to five drinks in a row at one sitting, do you believe this is indicative of your personal college experience or college experience in general at Mary Washington?



"That's more of an outsider's view. When you go to a bar, you usually get one pitcher which is four to five beers. That's nothing uncommon."

- senior Steve Boyd



"When college students come here they have freedom they have never experienced before and tend to go a little crazy. By the time you're a senior hopefully you've learned how to act in a socially acceptable way."

- sophomore Dan Tobin

"There is some accuracy to this because I think many [people] drink to get a buzz. Unlike non-alcoholic drinks, there is a purpose to [alcohol] drinking."

- freshman Erika Giaimo



"I think most people binge drink, but they don't know they do."

- freshman Alexis Kingham

"When I think of binge drinkers, I think of people who get sick. And I don't think many people get sick off four beers."

- junior Jen Burkes



"I think it depends on the person. There are people who binge drink and there are people who drink socially."

- junior Eliza Huber



"I don't believe bingeing is four-five beers. If I'm sitting around watching a Steelers game, I may drink four Cokes. Am I binge drinking then?"

- junior Todd Palcic



"From the parties I've been to and seen on campus this is partly true for some people [do] drink to get drunk. By this definition then, that would be binge drinking."

- sophomore Beth Bodkin

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A book by Rosemarie Tong called "Feminist Thought: A Comprehensive Introduction" contains chapters on Liberal Feminism, Marxist Feminism, Radical Feminism, Psychoanalytic Feminism, Socialist Feminism, Existential Feminism and Postmodern Feminism. She says in her introduction:

Although I presently find it enormously difficult to assign myself any one feminist label, this is because I find something valuable in each one of the feminist perspectives to which I have been introduced. Perhaps this is a sign that the labels are obsolete. Then again, it may be only a sign that my

feminism is not as consistent and coherent as it ought to be or, more sympathetically, a sign that I am growing as a thinker.

The sympathetic interpretation is certainly the one that appeals to me. When I first started calling myself a feminist, (and it was fairly recently); I am a late-comer, it wasn't so much that I chose the label as that I realized the label fit. When I first started teaching an interdisciplinary course at Mary Washington College, Introduction to Women's Studies, I quickly learned that my first task was to discuss openly all the negative connotations of the "feminist" label to keep students from immediately dropping the course!

Margaret L. Anderson's book is titled "Thinking About Women," and perhaps that is precisely the point. Not only are women and their experience worth focusing some attention on (since they are a little over half of the human race), but they are worth thinking about. No one has come to all the "right" conclusions. But we are in the process of thinking, and we all, men and women, need to be engaged in doing that. As long as I am committed to that process, I am a feminist "by any other name," and I should not need to apologize for it.

Constance Smith is senior lecturer in the department of English, linguistics and speech.

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the students living in her dorm who were not permitted to hang their own religious decorations.

My third grievance with this column is the fact that Ms. Stanford portrays the students at MWC as politically incorrect and intentionally discriminating against the Jewish faith. I take tremendous offense to this accusation since it is not the students of this campus who formulate such policy, but the state. While I too am not in agreement with this policy, I feel that Ms. Stanford has mistakenly and inappropriately directed her anger and frustration at the students.

Neil Rood
Junior

Bullet Letter and Column Policy

The Bulletin is always eager to receive letters to the editor and guest columns and every effort is made to print them. If there are numerous letters on one subject, a sampling of the best letters received will be printed.

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If you have any questions, call Jill Golden or Kendra L. Williams at 899-4393.

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retention and quality of life for minority students. I want to emphasize minority from the standpoint that Virginia State and Norfolk State also have Student Transition Programs in which the majority of those students are white students. The primary source of funding for the Student Transition Program is through the State Council on Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV). Each year institutions within the state must submit a grant proposal requesting funds to operate programs like the Student Transition Program. I am pleased to acknowledge that Mary Washington College has received grant funding for the last nine years. The program initially was set up for African American students, but over the years more and more institutions like Mary Washington College have offered the program to other students of color including Hispanics, Asian Americans and Native Americans.

Students who are selected for the program come from a vast variety of backgrounds. Ideally we would like to offer this program to all Mary Washington College students but, realistically, based on our resources, we are somewhat restricted. Students

admitted to the Student Transition Program are qualified. It is reflected that, historically, approximately 67 percent of Student Transition Program students graduate from Mary Washington College. It would be a disservice to any student to admit someone not qualified, which would create a revolving-door situation.

Diversification is a very important aspect of the Mary Washington College experience. I would think that as part of a liberal arts and science institution, all students would realize that for a well-rounded education it is important to be exposed to students who are different from yourself. As we approach the 21st century, all census studies indicate that the work force is changing. It is imperative that our students be exposed to the global society in which we live. Mary Washington College has a vested interest in recruiting and retaining students of color. The Student Transition Program is just one of many steps we must take in order to give all of our students the education they deserve.

Forrest A. Parker is the director of Student Transition Program.

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quote about Ethnic Studies merely "off-beat." We find it extremely upsetting that the president of our college would make such a provincial remark.

We are flattered that you took the time to investigate our paper so thoroughly. We do wish you had asked some students for their reactions, rather than just Dean of Something-or-Other. Their response would have provided a more accurate gauge of MWC's overall reaction to The Mighty Pen. The responses we have overheard and received are overwhelmingly positive.

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FEATURES

As the subject of a 1988 episode of "Nightline," college and community members learned Fredericksburg had a long way to go to improve local race relations.

RACE RELATIONS



Forrest Parker

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"We recognize there's progress being made. One of our missions is to recognize entities in our community who are promoting equality."

- Forrest Parker,
Vice President for Multicultural Affairs

In January 1988, "Nightline" featured Fredericksburg in an edition which set out to review race relations in an average U.S. town, in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday. According to Ted Koppel, the edition did not uncover the overt racism of the 1960s, but rather revealed a more subtle, "below the surface" form of racism whereby diverse races often interacted with a cool civility but without a genuine mutual inclusiveness.

As products of the news edition, many Fredericksburg residents and students formed various organizations aimed at improving race relations in the community and on MWC campus. However, according to Bill Hanson, associate professor of sociology, there is a lot of work to do; the 1990s are not free of such implicit forms of racial prejudice.

Hanson said that subtle racism is an attitude towards people who constitute the ethnic "other," although such attitudes do not necessarily mean that they will take the form of actions, or racial discrimination.

"People have stereotypes. Sometimes they act on them and sometimes they don't. It's a function of norms in the society," he said.

Some MWC students of diverse ethnicities said that many negative stereotypes

are ingrained in society, and common attitudes towards blacks include, "Are all lazy," "Are involved in a high percentage of violent crime," and "All black people live in ghettos."

Junior Faith Christmas, a black student, said that she is very aware of the negative black stereotypes people carry around with them and such attitudes set her at an immediate disadvantage as a minority student.

"The [stereotype] that affects me the most is that black people are less intelligent than any other race. I work too damn hard to be labeled ignorant," she said. Christmas said that she thinks common "below the surface" racism is worse than blatant racial discrimination.

"Racism here is covert which I think is worse. In a way I respect the Klan because they at least have the conviction of their beliefs. The enemy you can't see is worse than the one you can," she said.

Jervis Hairston, director of planning in Fredericksburg, said that he is incensed when people generalize about any ethnic groups. "I know all sorts of people of all sorts of races that fit all those stereotypes. You can't label a race. It's much more about individual traits and characteristics. I can't justify or give any credence to a position that groups people by race in terms of their behavior," he said.

Lawrence Davies, mayor of Fredericksburg, who was in the 1988 "Nightline" tape, said that problems with negative stereotypes are an inevitable result of diverse cultures living together.

"My own feeling is whenever you have two groups of identifiable people, you're going to have one group treating the other a little differently. It's not just a black/white situation. It's a human situation. And if that's correct, in one form or another we'll always be fighting for equality and understanding," he said in a recent interview.

Davies said that although race relations are not ideal, they have improved since the "Nightline" edition on race, because positive organizations grew out of the program, such as the Fredericksburg Area Community Relations Organization [FACRO].

"FACRO was a product of that interview. There were issues in Fredericksburg that needed to be addressed for a greater sense of cohesion and community. FACRO has been active and effective," Davies said.

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By Jessica Matthews

River Front Park Put Off Due To Money Shortage

By Stuart Thornton
Special to the Bulletin

About ten years ago, the city of Fredericksburg hired EDAA Inc., a consultant firm from Alexandria, to create a plan for a river front park in downtown Fredericksburg which would transform the area of the city adjacent to the Rappahannock River.

The proposed park area would stretch along the river from the city dock to a region past the Chatham Bridge. The plan called for different sections of the park to be connected by a walkway, in addition to an amphitheater for outdoor concerts and other city events. The plan also included the construction of a bridge to Scott's Island and an open market along with the renovation of the city dock area.

There is a current attempt to resurrect portions of the old plan to develop the park, which remains uncompleted due to a lack of sufficient funds.

"Consultants put together an overall plan which was then partially implemented," said Eric Nelson of the Fredericksburg Planning and Development Department. "Some of the features of that took more funds than anticipated so that the funds ran out before the plan was fully implemented. We have had the plan on hold here ever since. It is something we have dusted off recently to try again," he said.

The first part of the plan, which was successfully completed in 1984, was the improvement of the city dock area. The City of Fredericksburg, along with help from the Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries, improved the boat ramp and bulkhead and constructed a parking area. "That came together well and that is a well-used area," Nelson said.

Nelson said the renovation of the city dock area, which costs over \$660,000, took more money than the city expected.

"All the money that was allocated for [the river front park] has been

basically used up for the city dock area," City Council member Ralph A. Hicks said.

The only part of the plan that continued to be pursued was the construction of the river front path. "Portions [of the path], as long as the funds were there, were put in," Nelson said. "We didn't get easements from everybody so there are still gaps in the overall system."

The City of Fredericksburg and the Planning Community Development Department is not certain how much money will be needed to complete the river front path. "I hesitate to throw out a figure just because it would need to be designed. I would say \$100,000 would complete the walk as we want it to be. It would include the walkway and landscaping and all those things," Nelson said.

City Council member Freeman Funk said the city shied away from continuing the plan because more important projects needed to be completed first and cited the possible transformation of the streets of Fredericksburg as greater issues.

Linda Porter, executive director of Friends of the Rappahannock, believes that the river front park could help finance other city projects. "I think that doing the park is going to attract money, it is going to attract resources that would enable them to do some of these other tasks," Porter said.

The Fredericksburg Visitor Center said that tourism in Fredericksburg is the second biggest industry in the area behind the construction business. The City of Fredericksburg accumulated over \$65 million in travel-related taxable sales in 1993.

"We thought the concept was strong and had merit. There were some problems in the logistics of it. I think it was unfortunate that the plan did not go forward. It would allow another focus for the city," said Karen Hedelt of the Visitor Center.

People have raised questions

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Student Mesocosm Brings Nature Indoors

By Dana Birkholz
Bulletin Staff Writer

The basement in Combs has housed everything from human anatomy labs to geology experiments, but a mesocosm of the York River is perhaps its newest environment. Thomas Small, a senior biology major, has spent the last year and a half researching, constructing, and finally studying a thriving mesocosm. A mesocosm is a small representative system simulated after a natural environment. Small's interest in this type of study began with a volunteer position at the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum and has grown into the only mesocosm undergraduate research project in the commonwealth of Virginia.

"When I first got involved there, I decided that it would be good to also get credit for it somehow, maybe turn it into an internship or do a project associated with it," Small said.

The former assistant professor of biology, Dan Abel and Small finally decided that undergraduate research in this area was feasible and could be very rewarding for Small and for Mary Washington College. Now, almost two years later, Small has delved deeper and deeper into his work under the supervision of Stephen Gough, assistant professor of biology. Gough is thrilled about the advantages and the opportunity to learn first hand how this research is conducted.

"We envision this as a very long term project—we want to be sure that we are emulating faithfully the natural environment," Gough said.

Currently in the basement of Combs, Small and Gough are working on stabilizing their 550 gallon environment, but this stage has

been a long time coming. Small began his research with a semester of independent readings, which is how all biology majors must begin their research projects. From there he spent a summer's worth of free time building the structure to house his mesocosm out of anything that was available. This small, indoor version of the York River is approximately 10 feet in length and 3-5 feet wide.

"Tom has been very ingenious in scrounging and getting things for it," Gough said.

Small has managed to acquire equipment from the Smithsonian, research money from the college, and left over lofts have been obtained for the supports. Abel also left Small some of his equipment before he left the college. All together the estimate of the project's cost is 5,000-6,000 dollars.

Once the building process was finished in September, the most difficult and time consuming stage began—bringing the specimens from the York River. Small recruited friends and interested biology majors to assist him in his endeavors of collecting vegetation, soil, crabs, fish, and other elements. Carlyle Perry, a senior biology major, was one of many that went along for the experience.

"We collected vegetation for the first part of the morning. [Small] knew exactly what he wanted, ones he thought could sustain his tank. We also caught crabs and fish; we tried it in a couple of different regions to get diversity," Perry said.

This process took Small well into December and now in January the system is in the stabilization stage. This means that Small and Gough are looking to see if the system can

operate independently. They are hoping that reproduction and new growth will occur in the animals and the vegetation.

Small's mesocosm consists of a condensed shoreline of the York River from sandy beaches to muddy surfaces. Small and Gough have managed to reproduce any natural conditions that are evident in the natural environment. A fan hanging from the ceiling creates the wind, a perpetual motion of water being recycled causing waves, and timed artificial light emulates the time of day. While all of these crafty reproductions are important, the one natural substitute Small is most proud of is called the "algal scrubber."

"In nature, much of the water purification is performed by plants. When you clean it with bacteria, it is an unnatural way. Here algae cleans the water. It is really a powerful tool," Small said.

With the most laborious parts of the project behind them, Small and Gough are looking towards the future. In the immediate months, they will be presenting their research at two conferences. In April at the second annual Marine and Estuarine Shallow Water Science and Management Conference in Atlantic City, Gough and Small will be presenting a poster of their work and in May they hope to present a paper at the Academy of Sciences, which will be held at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington.

With Small's graduation coming soon, Gough has already lined up five biology majors to take up where Small will leave off. Virginia Clarke, Heidi Ferrell, Tim York, Elizabeth Bedell, and Aimee Lemieux are



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Thomas Small's 550 gallon mesocosm makes its home in the basement of Combs Hall.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Reese Wins! Reese Wins!

Sophomore swimmer Megan Reese was provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet with a 2:13.91 in the 200 individual medley to earn Bullet Player of the Week honors for the third week in the semester. Reese also won the 200 breaststroke in 2:31.88. She was the only multiple first-place winner against Gettysburg male or female. Reese has played a major part in helping the women's swim team to an undefeated Capital Athletic Conference record of 5-0. Other nominee was Corinne May (women's basketball).



Megan Reese

Tuesday Night's Games

MWC Eagles 78
Catholic Cardinals 69

Women's Basketball Scoring				
MWC	FG	FT	Points	
Corinne May	6 of 17	8-10	21	
Amanda O'Brien	3 of 7	14-16	20	
Stefanie Teter	4 of 8	2-2	12	
Ashley Seckford	3 of 7	1-2	7	
Robin Coates	3 of 9	0-1	6	
Lindsay Stover	3 of 5	0-0	6	
Bridget Rooney	2 of 7	0-0	4	
Michelle Beagen	1 of 1	0-0	2	

Top Four Cardinal Scorers				
	FG	FT	Points	
Martha Cleary	14 of 26	6-6	37	
Liz Cleary	6 of 23	3-5	17	
Linda Lamendola	2 of 5	0-0	5	
Kristen Abbondio	1 of 2	3-4	5	

Rebounds: CUA 41 (M. Cleary) 9, MWC 48 (Stover) 14. Assists: MWC 20 (Teter) 8, CUA 8 (M. Cleary, L. Cleary) 2. Turnovers: CUA 13 (M. Cleary) 5, MWC 16 (Teter) 4. Steals: MWC 3 (Teter) 2, CUA 6 (L. Cleary, Abbondio) 2. Blocks: MWC 2 (Coates), CUA 0.

MWC Eagles 95
Catholic Cardinals 71

Men's Basketball Scoring				
MWC	FG	FT	Points	
Justin McCarthy	9 of 17	3-3	24	
Jamie Warren	7 of 10	1-2	19	
Matt Seward	4 of 11	2-4	13	
Marvin Felix	5 of 8	3-4	13	
Erik Burch	4 of 6	4-4	13	
Mike Johnson	2 of 7	1-3	5	
Christian Canino	1 of 1	2-2	5	
Colin Whitehouse	1 of 2	0-0	3	
Chris Wirth	0 of 5	0-0	0	

Top Five Catholic Scorers				
	FG	FT	Points	
1. Pat Buckley	6 of 14	0-0	18	
2. John Douglas	6 of 16	3-5	15	
3. Sammy Briggs	3 of 7	0-0	8	
4. Austin Hatch	3 of 4	0-0	8	
5. Joe Conefrey	2 of 4	3-6	7	

Rebounds: CUA 44 (Douglas) 9, MWC 39 (Felix, Warren) 8. Assists: CUA 11 (Briggs) 6, MWC 19 (Warren) 6. Turnovers: CUA 17 (Douglas) 6, MWC 14 (Seward) 3. Blocks: CUA 2 (Alexander), MWC 8 (Felix) 6. Steals: MWC 6 (Seward) 3, Catholic 3 (Cassidy) 2.

Upcoming Events . . .

- Feb. 2 Men's Basketball at St. Mary's, 6 p.m.
Women's Basketball at St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 4 Men's Basketball at Marymount, 2 p.m.
Women's Basketball at Marymount, 4 p.m.
M/W Swimming at Washington & Lee, 2 p.m.
Men's Indoor Track & Field at VMI Relays, 10 a.m.
Women's Indoor Track & Field at Virginia Tech Relays, 10 a.m.
- Feb. 6 Women's Basketball vs. St. Mary's at Goodrick Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 7 Women's Basketball at Gallaudet University, 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball at Gallaudet University, 8 p.m.

Catholic No Challenge For Eagles

Men Break Press And Win Column

By Brian Schumacher
Bullet Staff Writer

The men's basketball team beat a swarming press late in the game, defeating the Catholic University Cardinals, 95-71, Tuesday night at Goodrick Gymnasium.

The Eagles rebounded after losses to Shenandoah University and York College. The Eagles dropped a tight 94-88 game to Shenandoah on Jan. 26, and lost 83-58 on Jan. 28 to York College. York, the top team in the Capital Athletic Conference, handed the men their worst defeat of the season.

"York is a good team, and they are particularly tough on their own floor. But, I can't say a lot of real positive things about our effort on Saturday either," Coach Tom Davies said.

The Eagles came into Tuesday's game looking to even their CAC record at 4-4. Catholic entered the game ahead of Mary Washington in the conference standings, with a 4-3 record, but left with a 95-71 loss. The Eagles used a balanced attack on offense and a tough defense to overcome the Cardinals and to continue their improved play and raise their record to 5-11 overall.

"I think we did a number of good things. I felt we made a lot of things happen with our defense, blocked shots, stolen passes, a lot of things that I think helped us score at the other end," Davies said following the game.

The two teams battled evenly through much of the first half, both playing solid defense and diving all over the court for loose balls. Catholic held a 25-23 lead with just under eight minutes to play in the half when the Eagles took control. They outscored the Cardinals, 17-4, the rest of the half to take a 40-29 lead.

In the second half, Catholic attacked the Eagles with a full court press that forced them to turn the ball over and gave the Cardinals a brief glimmer of hope. With about six minutes left in the game the Eagles called a timeout to regroup, and following the break, were able to handle the press. The team exploited the aggressive Cardinal defense and, as a result, scored several easy points.

"We made them pay the price [for using the pressure defense] a lot of times. We threw over them and got a lot of layup opportunities," Davies said.

Once the Eagles regained their composure, they were able to pull away



from Catholic for good. Sophomore Justin McCarthy led the team with 24 points, senior Matt Seward added 19, Jamie Warren, Erik Burch and Marvin Felix (two dunks) each scored 13 apiece. Felix was also a force on defense, blocking six Cardinal shots in the game.

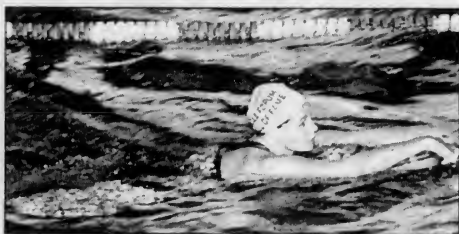
Senior Jamie Warren still leads the team in most statistical categories, averaging 21.1 points, 8.3 rebounds, 5.1 assists, and 2.5 steals per game. He is in the top five in the Capital Athletic Conference in these categories and in free throw percentage with .829.

The Eagles now face three conference games on the road in the next week before returning to Goodrick Gym Feb. 9 to face Goucher College. The team has struggled on the road this season, winless in eight away games.

"I don't think we have been too bad on the road we just have not caught the breaks like we have at home," said Burch.

However, they have played well at home where they have earned all five of their victories.

"Marymount and St. Mary's are very winnable away games, I think it is looking very good down the stretch," said Burch.



Kathryn Johnson/Bullet

Junior Nancy McClain makes use of kickboard to build endurance.

Swimming Riddled By Bullets

By Eric Gaffin
Bullet Staff Writer

On Saturday, the men's and women's swim team took on the visiting Gettysburg Bullets. Fans showed up to watch the Eagles, but witnessed a strong performance by both the men's and women's team of Gettysburg, denying victories to MWC. The men were defeated by a 40-point margin, 122-83, falling to 5-3 on the year, while the women dropped to 6-2 with a 117-88 defeat.

Despite the loss, plenty of positives could be found. The women had been shellacked last year at the hands of Gettysburg, and the men won no events. This year, some first-place finishes and a number of strong performances did well to boost morale after the meet.

The men grabbed first place in two events: freshman Matt Anderson won the 200-yard breaststroke in a time of 2:04.14, while the quartet of sophomore Tim Selgas, freshman Ryan Forbrich, junior Cordis Carter and junior Lee Lewis won the 400 freestyle relay in a time of 3:19.84.

On the women's side, junior Sarah King won the 200 breaststroke in a time of 2:16.12. The big winner on the day for the Eagle's was sophomore Megan Reese, who qualified for the "B" (stand-by) cut for NCAA Division III Nationals (March 9-11 at Middletown, Connecticut) in the 200 individual medley in a first-place time of 2:13.91. Reese also won the 200 breaststroke in 2:31.88.

The cuts for nationals are a set group of times for each event, divided into two groups. If a swimmer's best time during the season is better than the "A" cut, that swimmer would automatically qualify for nationals at that particular event. If the time is above the "B" cut, but below the "A" cut, then that swimmer is on "stand-by" for nationals. While those who make the "A" cut automatically qualify, the top swimmer in the "B" cut fill in any open slots left at nationals.

Hopefully, more "A" and "B" cuts will be made in the ensuing weeks as the CAC

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"We regained our intensity in the second half...We needed this win and hopefully it will lead to more."

- Lindsay Stover, freshman forward

Senior Matt Seward (left) and freshman Lindsay Stover (bottom) were integral parts for their teams' victories Tuesday night. Photos by Chris Ogilvie.



Women Rebound To Win

By Kate Dube
Bullet Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College women's basketball team is 8-7 following games on Saturday and Tuesday.

On Saturday, the Eagles lost 92-71 at York. Senior Corinne May, who leads MWC in scoring with 20.4 points per game, and junior Stephanie Teter each scored 15 points. Teter, who is second in the NCAA in assists with 7.4 per game added eight assists. Amanda O'Brien contributed 12 points and 10 rebounds for Mary Washington.

On Tuesday, at home against Catholic University, the Eagles survived a rough

second half after leading by 21 points at halftime to beat the Cardinals, 78-69.

MWC started the game with a 12-2 run, including seven points from May. The Eagles controlled the game, shooting 50 percent from the floor and ending the half leading 43-32.

In the second half, things turned around as Catholic started the half with an 8-0 run.

Sparked by senior twins Liz and Martha Cleary who combined for 54 points, Catholic tried to turn things around with a solid zone defense. According to Eagles Coach Connie Gallahan, her team expected the switch from man-to-man to zone

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Relaxing Man Lives On

Whasup with:

1. Chargers. Relaxing Man has an old joke, so gather around. What's the difference between the Chargers and Cheerios? The Cheerios belong in a Super Bowl. Ha, Ha, at least hook me up with a pity laugh.
2. Scottie Pippen. Whasup with him? Once a big-time player, he has resulted to throwing a chair on the court after he gets ejected. Plus, in today's Washington Post he said the home fans were racist. He's gone from PTP (prime-time player) to punk. It's gotta be the hair.
3. Stanley Craver. After all that build-up, there was just one commercial for the Nike shoe-sniffing referee. The commercial was kind of humorous but Relaxing Man was looking for a more profound ending than "I love football." Something creative like the froggy Bud ad.
4. Bud Bowl. Iggy saved the day for Bud, breaking Bud Light's three or four-year run of Bud Bowl Championships, returning his interception for a 26-24 victory. But whasup with only the fourth quarter being shown on Super Bowl Sunday? Because of the weak AFC it is usually the best game on television.
5. Bill Anderson. Who? You know, the president of this esteemed institution. He supported the soccer teams all season and he has now been spotted in the stands of the basketball games. Anderson was first sighted at the men's home Gallaudet game which ended in a victory and Tuesday night at the Catholic game, which the



Eagles also won. However, Relaxing Man has not seen him at any women's games. Whasup with that?

6. Steve Yip. This past season, he won the league MVP and the Super Bowl MVP, breaking two huge Joe Montana records in the process. Steve broke Joe's quarterback rating (112.8) and tossed six touchdown passes in the Super Bowl. Joe who?

7. Duke. They are so horrible. How bad are they? They hold All-American Maryland center Joe Smith to six points, and they still lose. The Dookies are currently 0-6 in the ACC, 10-9 overall, and they did not get one vote in the Associated Press B-ball poll. Also, Coach K is out for the year due to his back and fatigue. Relaxing Man weeps many tears for the befellin Blue Devils. Yeah, whatever.

8. Schick Super Hoops. Question: Who would let former varsity basketball players play on a 3-on-3 team if that would make them ineligible to play at American University. I know they needed teams but whasup with that?

9. Big East Basketball. It used to be

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ENTERTAINMENT

Confederate Railroad Is Chugging Along

By Greg Urquhart
Special To The Bullet

When a band with one gold and one platinum album goes on tour, you would probably not expect them to come to Fredericksburg. Yet Wednesday night Confederate Railroad did just that, playing at Houston's Steakhouse to a sold-out crowd.

Rhinestones and cowboy hats were the order of the day as the Grammy nominated band brought their popular style of rocking country to the bar, thrilling the audience with No. 1 hits such as "Trashy Women" and "Elvis and Andy." The crowd seemed to love it, but why would a band of this magnitude play such a relatively small venue in such a relatively small town?

According to lead singer Danny Shirley, it was for reasons of freedom, both artistic and behavioral.

"When we were doing those big 60 minute shows, we couldn't do all the songs we wanted to do," said Shirley. He said, "That's another thing I like about working in night clubs — the smokin' and the drinkin'."

The Georgia based band used this opportunity to pay tribute to those singers and bands who influenced them over the years, playing songs by Waylon Jennings, Hank Williams Jr., and Lynyrd Skynyrd. They also threw in "If That Ain't Country" by the ever popular David Allan Coe, the man whom Confederate Railroad used to back as the David Allan Coe Band.

As their choice of cover material shows, Confederate Railroad comes from the "outlaw" school of country music. This type of music was shunned by country music purists when it first came on the scene in the '60s, because it incorporated elements of rock music previously alien to the genre. But the trend grew despite the criticism, and much of what is considered country music today is a form of "outlaw" country.

No band better exemplifies this trend more than Confederate Railroad. Although they are classified as country, many of their songs sound like straight rock 'n roll. "It's a little more towards southern rock like the Allman Brothers or Lynyrd Skynyrd," said

Nick Hamner, an MWC junior who saw the show.

However, while the music may be rock-like, the lyrics are pure country. Many of Confederate Railroad's songs deal with "white trash" topics. Songs such as "Trashy Women," and "She Never Cries (When Old Yeller Dies)" come straight from the redneck handbook. Other songs, such as "If You're Feelin' Salty (I'm Your Tequila)," and "She Took It Like A Man" are written in the taking-an-analogy-too-far tradition.

But Confederate Railroad is not just a rock band with country lyrics. They can play straight country music with the best of them. Their song "Daddy Never Was the Cadillac Kind," is an example of country music at its best. In the song, a son tells of his conservative father who would never own a flashy car like a Cadillac. The son, of course, thinks his father is a fool until he grows up and has obnoxious kids of his own. The song ends with the father in his coffin, being driven away to the cemetery. The car that he is riding in is, ironically, a Cadillac. "I hope this once Daddy enjoyed the ride," Shirley moans.

The popularity of Confederate Railroad and their contemporaries is growing exponentially, especially among Generation Xers. Nick Hamner said that the country scene is a welcome change of pace from rock shows.

"I go to bars to see rock bands a lot, and people end up dancing violently. You end up bruised and beat up a little," Hamner said. "But [at country shows] people are more interested in sitting back and listening to the music."

MWC senior Sammy Clark, who also attended the show, summed up the growth of country music, saying, "I'm not really a country fan, but I'm learning."

Confederate Railroad is currently on a small venue tour throughout the East, and has two albums out, the self titled debut and their platinum sophomore effort, Notorious. A new album is scheduled for release in April.



Mike Woodward/Bullet

JUDGEMENT: "MURDER" IS NOT A FIRST RATE FILM

By Matt Withers
Bullet Movie Critic

"Murder In The First" is basically a potentially great movie that isn't. The concept is interesting, but it never comes through on its promise. The performances are strong all around, unfortunately they are not strong enough to save the movie. I was very disappointed when I left the theater because "Murder In The First" had a chance to be a brilliant movie and it failed. I think it's easier to watch a movie that just plain sucks than to have your hopes raised and ultimately unfulfilled.

The premise of "Murder In The First" is based around whether Henri Young (Kevin Bacon) was turned into a murderer by abuses he suffered at Alcatraz. The treatment he received included three and a half years in solitude, beatings, harassment, and having his Achilles tendon sliced by a straight razor. On the day of his release from solitude, a mentally, physically, and emotionally destroyed Young breaks out at lunch and stabs the man who caused him to be put in solitary with a spoon. Thus, he is brought up on first degree murder charges.

The seemingly black and white case turns into a media circus, though, when up-and-coming lawyer James Staphill (Christian Slater) claims that Henri Young was only an instrument of murder. Staphill posits that the institution of Alcatraz is what turned Henri into a weapon. The rest of the movie is filled with searching for truth, justice, and the American way. Everything that you'd expect

from a courtroom drama is present, but doesn't work. There is righteous indignation that seems sort of silly. Passionate speeches flow out of Staphill like a broken fire hydrant, but they don't inspire any emotions. Worst of all, though, is the total lack of any attempt to connect the courtroom proceedings to actual law. Staphill does not examine witnesses, he simply uses that time to make speeches. Hollywood liberties are expected in movies, but this movie manages to achieve neither inspiration nor interest.

The editing and directing are also weak. Scene transitions are so sloppy that at some points I wondered if the movie reel had skipped. Even using the word transition gives a mistaken impression of the editing because often there is no transition. I could get whiplash from the jerkiness with which "Murder In The First" changed venue. Marc Rocco's directing is seriously flawed as well, although I want to qualify that statement. He has a variety of interesting ideas, and some of his camera shots are breathtaking. The problem is Rocco didn't bother to try his directing skills to the context of the movie. I look forward to seeing his work in the future. If he can learn to use his skills and creativity in a way that fits what he's doing then Rocco has the potential to be a truly outstanding director. Not here, though.

The worst thing about "Murder In The First," and its small but completely unforgivable, is a conspicuously doubled-up role. Kyra Sedgwick is first seen in the movie sitting on the jury at

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MOVIE REVIEW

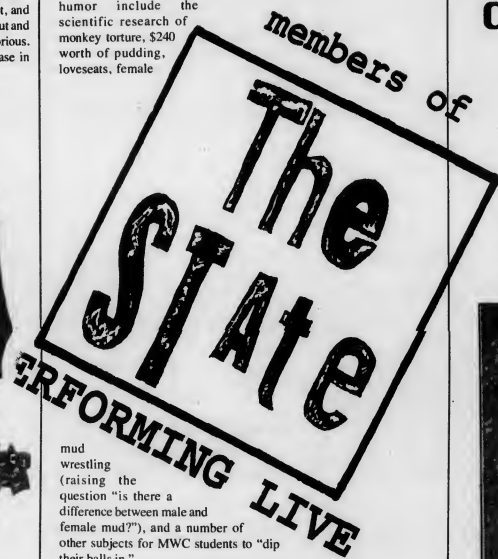
A Different State Of Mind

By Eric Edwards
Bullet Entertainment Editor

Come Feb. 14, MTV's "The State" will be out of here, but on Feb. 13, they will be appearing live in Dodd Auditorium performing the various and sundry skills which elevated them to dubious fame. The New York Daily News calls "The State" "So terrible it deserves to be studied."

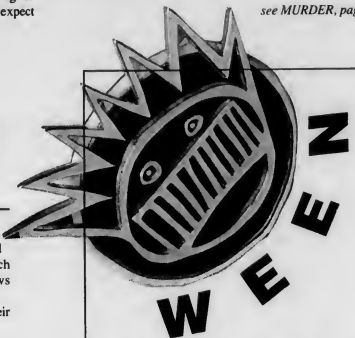
The 11-member comedy troupe began performing their off-beat style of comedy on MTV in early 1993.

Some of their obscure topics of humor include the scientific research of monkey torture, \$240 worth of pudding, lovesats, female



mud wrestling (raising the question "is there a difference between male and female mud?"), and a number of other subjects for MWC students to "dip their balls in."

Tickets went on sale Jan. 25 and cost \$2 with MWC ID, and \$5 for non-students.



chocolate and cheese

The Ween boys, Dean Ween and Gene Ween, (c'mon those can't be their real names), are bringing their clean, mean, Ween machine, (pardon the rhyme scheme) to the Underground, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

Ween is promoting their fourth album, Chocolate And Cheese. Tickets are on sale in the Student Center, \$1 for MWC and \$3 for non-students.



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BY THE WAY

February 3 - March 31, Exhibition, "The Stories of Gods and Goddesses: Mythological Themes in Western Art;" Ridderhof Martin Gallery; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; free

February 5, Gospel Extravaganza; GW Hall, Dodd Auditorium; 3 p.m.; free

February 9, Lecture, "Ethics and Education: The Pursuit of Honor in the Classroom and Beyond," by John Charles Thomas, Lee Hall Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.; free

February 9, Lecture, "Choosing Growth and Success" by Nathaniel W. Zinsner; Monroe Hall, room 104; 7:30 p.m.; free

February 9, Drama, "Passage;" GW Hall, Dodd Auditorium; 1 p.m.; free

February 13, Comedy Act, "The State;" GW Hall, Dodd Auditorium; 8 p.m.; \$5 gen. admission, \$2 MWC ID.

Local Music Scene

Thursday, Feb. 2: Daisy Hayes (progressive), Irish Brigade
Thursday, Feb. 2 - Saturday, Feb. 4: The Mudpuppies (country), Houston's
Thursday, Feb. 2: Simon Magus with Clark's Ditch (alternative), Eagles Nest

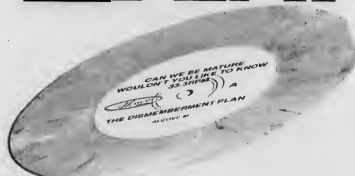
Friday, Feb. 3: Hearsay (progressive), Irish Brigade
Friday, Feb. 3: Egypt, Sorry About Your Daughter (alternative), Mothers

Friday, Feb. 3: Hot Cakes (top 40), George Street Grill
Friday, Feb. 3 - Saturday, Feb. 4: Johnny Menace (rock), Sante Fe
Saturday, Feb. 4: Second Story (progressive), Irish Brigade

Movies At Dodd

Feb. 3, (7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.) and Feb. 5, (10 p.m.) The Lion King

The Dismemberment PLAN



The Dismemberment Plan will be playing the Eagle's Nest Thursday, Feb. 9, with opening act, the Sore Losers, admission is free.

STICKING around TOWN

When Len Ornstein received his diploma from Mary Washington College in May 1994 he was looking for a teaching position. Having finished his student teaching at Chancellor High School and completed his degree requirements for teacher certification, Ornstein did not think he would have any difficulty landing a full-time teaching job.

"I felt like I would get a job the day after I graduated," Ornstein said.

He was wrong. Ornstein searched for a teaching position from January to August without any luck. So he went home to New York in August to make money while he looked for a "real job."

"Back in New York I was in a sales job and I felt like I was wasting away," Ornstein said.

So Ornstein came back to Fredericksburg, Va., where he thought his Mary Washington degree "meant something," and got a managerial position with Burlington Coat Factory.

"It felt good to come back here and have people tell me [my degree] meant something," he said.

Though Ornstein is not teaching as he originally set out to do, he said he is happy working as a men's department store manager even though he never even took a business course in college.

"The whole point of liberal arts is that you can do what you want to do. I didn't go to school to do business, but Mary Washington gives you a little of everything and I still have the skills to adapt," he said.

Ornstein said he likes being back in Fredericksburg near the college. All of his friends are still here, he said, and he has always liked living in Fredericksburg. He still likes to visit people in the dorms and to take advantage of the \$1 movies in Dodd.

"I know [Fredericksburg] and I

know a lot of people here. It's nice to be here and have the same social life but not have the pressures of school, and to have money," he said.

Chili Tufekjian, also a 1994 MWC graduate, said at first staying in Fredericksburg was difficult for her. She wanted to move into the next phase of her life and to leave behind her college life, which she said it was hard to do in the same town.

"There's not anything wrong with Fredericksburg. It's just hard to separate it from my college experience," she said.

"I felt like I would get a job the day after I graduated."

—Len Ornstein, '94
Burlington Coat Factory
Men's Department Manager

local radio station, and she decided she could not turn it down. "It wasn't a matter of deciding to stay in Fredericksburg," she said.

For six months Tufekjian worked at the radio station, at a local cable station and as a nanny, until she was hired for a full-time position with B101.5 in October 1994.

Tufekjian said she does not regret staying in Fredericksburg. The transition from being a college student to a working woman was easier than she thought, even staying in her college town.

"Fredericksburg is a nice town to get started in my field," Tufekjian said.

According to Jay Jay Dockeray, another 1994 graduate, the decision to stay in Fredericksburg was based on the fact that she just plain loves the city and that all her friends live here. She said she likes Fredericksburg because it is not a big city and it is not a suburb, but because it is a small town.

"This feels like home to me," she said. Dockeray has worked as a waitress at the downtown restaurant Sammy T's for two years. She said she gets mad when restaurant patrons assume that because she is waiting

tables, she has another job and that she is just waiting to make ends meet. She is not, she said. She said she is waiting because she likes it.

"I can wait tables and sleep late," she said.

Dockeray also hates to hear people say that Mary Washington graduates cannot find real jobs.

"I know I could get another job. I just don't want to," she said.

Dockeray, who lives in a house with four Mary Washington graduates, said the hardest thing about living in her college town is having her college buddies back in town to visit.

"They come back and I'm still here. In a way I don't like being the one who's left behind," she said.

And even a die-hard Fredericksburg fan like Dockeray gets tired of not being able to go anywhere without seeing someone who knows her.

"I think it's cool but it gets a little old," she said.

Dockeray is trying to save money to move to another city. She said she feels ready to work a job with 9-to-5 hours and to take some graduate level courses.

Dean of Academic Services Ed Piper said he likes the idea of having MWC graduates stay in the

Fredericksburg area.

"They spread goodwill," he said. Piper said Mary Washington alumni are more likely to stick around Fredericksburg than University of Virginia alumni would be to live in Charlottesville, Va. or

James Madison University students would be to stay in Harrisonburg, Va.

"There are certainly more opportunities in the Fredericksburg community than in Charlottesville or Harrisonburg," Piper said. "It's understandable that they would want to stay around here."

Daniel Long, a senior at University of Virginia, said that U.Va. graduates often tend to stick around Charlottesville.

"My experience is that a lot of people don't want to have to leave Charlottesville so they find an excuse to stay, whether it be working delivering pizzas or taking classes," said Long.

He said many of the graduates who stay tend to be those students who stayed in Charlottesville for a summer and are more familiar with the town.

Cynthia Snyder, MWC director of alumni programs, said there are close to 2,000 alumni living in Fredericksburg. "We're always glad to see them in the area," she said.

She said there are a variety of reasons that Mary Washington graduates choose to stay in the area, including the affordability and the geographic location of the city.

"I think people who have felt positively about their college experience are more likely to live here," said

Snyder, who added that some MWC students leave the area after they graduate and move back later.

Senior Sooki Danosky said she is thinking about moving back to Fredericksburg after graduation. She said her college experience in Fredericksburg was a good one and does not want to move home.

"Hopefully one of my friends will want to get a house or apartment together," Danosky said.

Dockeray said she thinks everyone feels at home in Fredericksburg. "There are some people who are happy to live here forever," she said.

"I know I could get another job. I just don't want to."

—Jay Jay Dockeray, '94
waitress at Sammy T's



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Retail Detail

Len Ornstein, a 1994 graduate and former president of the student association, sells suits at Burlington Coat Factory on Route 3 in Fredericksburg. Ornstein accepted the position as men's department manager in November after he was unable to land a teaching job and after he became frustrated working at home in New York. Ornstein said he enjoys living in Fredericksburg because many of his friends are in school. "It's nice to be here and have the same social life but not have the pressures of school, and to have money," Ornstein said.

THE 5-YEAR PLAN

Statistics from Virginia public institutions show that between 10 and 30 percent of students who seek degrees take more than four years to graduate.

Fifty-six percent of Mary Washington College students graduate in four years while 79.8 percent of University of Virginia students are able to complete degree requirements within four years.

According to Ray Pate, assistant vice president for planning, assessment and institutional research, many students extend their studies beyond four years by choice.

Scott Pate, who came to Mary Washington in 1990, decided to stay an extra year because he did not want to cram 39 credits into his final two semesters. He was also thinking about playing basketball for the college again because he had an extra year of basketball eligibility after he got red-shirted his freshman year because of an injury.

"It's weird because I used to know everybody on campus and now all the people I came in with have graduated," said Pate.

Other students are forced to spend an extra year or two at the college in order to complete graduation requirements for a variety of reasons.

Students who change their major, add a second major or who decide after their sophomore year to become certified to teach need more time to get the credits required for graduation.

Matt St. Amand, who first came to MWC in 1990, stayed a fifth year at the college because he changed his major several times. He started with

international affairs but decided to change his major to political science when he got a low grade in German. Then he got bored with political science and decided in the start of his junior year to major in history. Halfway through his junior year he decided to add geography as a second major.

St. Amand said he probably could have finished in nine semesters, but decided to stay a tenth out of convenience. He said he did not decide to stay because he wanted to extend his college experience.

"I'm pretty much ready to get out," said St. Amand.

Even though it will take St. Amand five years to complete his degree requirements, he said if students know what they want to do when they start college it is not hard to finish in four years. He said that making up his mind late to double major is the single reason he could not graduate on time.

Chris Johann, who started at MWC in 1991, said he will have to stay at Mary Washington an extra semester to fulfill degree requirements because he switched from a biology major to psychology during his seventh semester.

"[Staying an extra semester is] something I have to do," Johann said. "I didn't plan on switching majors."

But Johann said even if he had stayed in the biology major, he might not have graduated on time. He said that if potential biology majors do not take beginning level biology and chemistry during their freshman year, which he did not do, it is difficult to complete all the biology coursework



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Some students claim that the inability to get classes they need prolongs their college careers.

within eight semesters.

Julie Tillman, a December 1994 graduate, is still living in Fredericksburg and working at Wal-Mart because she has to do student teaching in order to fulfill her requirements to certify to teach.

"I would have loved to have been done in four years," Tillman said.

Tillman said she thinks she could have finished her degree requirements in four years if her adviser had been more helpful.

"No one ever told me to plan for the long term," she said.

Lisa Edwards, who graduated in December 1994, said she had to delay her graduation a semester because she was not informed by her adviser that a typology course, one of the core requirements for math majors, was not offered in the spring.

Edwards said that if she had known when the course was offered, she could have planned better so that she would graduate on time. She said that advisers need to look at students' schedules more carefully to make sure that they give them the best possible advice.

Students who pay their own way through college often decide to spread out the expense of a college education over a four-year period. Other students say they have trouble completing the foreign language requirement, which requires all students to complete four years of a foreign language in high school or to complete through college level 202 of any foreign language.

Joelle Mickelsen, who started at Mary Washington in 1986, said that

the foreign language requirement has been the single thing that has kept her from graduating.

"It's definitely been a stumbling block for me," said Mickelsen.

Mickelsen took German 101 twice, Spanish 101 twice and Greek 201 once.

"I decided not to do anything about pursuing my degree because I keep failing my classes. I'm just

discouraged," Mickelsen said.

Other students have an extended stay at the college because they were put on academic probation or because they took a leave of absence.

Justin Davis, who matriculated in 1991, said he will not graduate on time because he was put on academic probation after his freshman year. "I got into the partying scene," said Davis, who did not go to school during the Fall 1992 semester.

Ed Piper, dean of academic services, said there are also a number of students who have work and have

Rate of Graduation

PERCENTAGE GRADUATED

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	1991	1992	1993
	4 YEAR	5 YEAR	6 YEAR
University of Virginia	79.8	89.9	91.6
James Madison University	54	78	81
Mary Washington College	56	68	71
Longwood College	39.5	50.2	51.9
Radford University	23	46	51

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The above statistics are for students who matriculated in 1987. Percentages do not take into account students who leave each school voluntarily or involuntarily, including transfers, honor violations, probation, etc. Some include part-time students.

What are MWC grads doing?

GRADUATION AND BEYOND	1992 graduates ¹	1993 graduates
Employed full-time	67%	67%
Employed part-time	12%	16%
Full-time graduate school	16%	16%
Seeking employment	5%	6%
Part-time graduate school	2%	5%

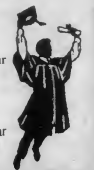
RANDOM FACTS

1992 Graduates

5% make more than \$35,000 per year
42% work for private industry
24% had a job before graduation

1993 Graduates

18% make less than \$15,000 per year
7% work for the federal government
65% live in the southeast



¹ based on 37 percent response rate

² based on 57 percent response rate

Source: Career Services survey

Jim Golden/Bullet

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family responsibilities and are forced to seek their degree over an extended period of time.

"It's circumstances related to the student, not the college," said Piper. But according to Mike

McDowell, a spokesman for the State Council for Higher Education [SCHEV], the General Assembly has expressed concern that many students are not able to attain a college degree within four years. The state spends approximately \$3,200 per year on each in-state student at public colleges and universities.

"Sometimes you have to put things on simmer rather than boil to get the best product."

- Richard Palmieri, professor of geography

graduation.

McDowell said SCHEV has been working to remove barriers to graduation and is looking at the feasibility of a three-year baccalaureate program.

Piper said that as part of the restructuring plan, the college wants to increase student use of summer programs.

"The college can and should provide more summer programs," Piper said. "A lot of students are using summers to catch up or to get ahead."

But Richard Palmieri, professor of geography, said he does not like the idea of students rushing through school to complete their degree requirements within three years.

"College is more than just taking courses and acquiring a degree. It's also acquiring a love of knowledge," he said.

Palmieri said that by encouraging students to complete their degree requirements as quickly as possible, the state defines the education process as attaining a degree, which he considers to be a manufacturing

process of education.

"Students come to college to get an education, not to get a job," Palmieri said.

He has been instrumental in making Mary Washington's students do not take advantage of the opportunity to stay at college an extra year if they can afford it.

"It surprises me that students don't stay a fifth year to take all the courses they wanted to take," Palmieri said. "The fifth year is a wonderful opportunity."

Freshman Mike Depinto said he is worried about being able to finish his degree requirement by 1998 because he did not get any of the classes he wanted this semester.

"Most of the classes were already filled," Depinto said.

Depinto said he and his friends were frustrated when they went to add-drop and still could not get any of the classes that interested them.

Depinto said his parents got involved and tried to help ensure that he would get classes that were required for graduation, but he said even that did not do any good.

"My parents are only paying for four years," said Depinto.

Matthew Pender, a freshman, said he did not get the exact classes he wanted. But Pender said he understands that freshmen are the last students to register for classes and therefore less classes are available.

Tillman, who graduated in May 1994, said one reason students cannot complete degree requirements within four years is because there are too few sections of classes.

"If you don't have a good adviser, you're up a creek," Tillman said.

But Piper said that he does not know of any students who were prevented from completing their degree within four years because they were unable to get classes that they needed.

Topher Bill, chairman of the psychology department, said that even though his department will not force-add classes for students merely for their convenience, the department will do whatever it can to help students graduate on time.

"We make a lot of exceptions," said Bill, who said he does not know of any students who did not graduate on time because they were unable to get into a psychology class.

Bill said he is especially sensitive to the needs of transfer students and will force-add often in order for students to graduate on time.

"I bend over backwards to accommodate community college transfers," said Bill.

He said he does not think it is difficult for students to complete their degree requirements in the psychology department within four

years if you start at the college.

He said new degree programs make it even easier for students to finish psychology degree requirements on time, including a one-semester general psychology class instead of the old two-semester requirement.

"It is possible to graduate in four years," Bill said. "There are few people by my sense who are here more than four years."

Some students are also concerned that they are not permitted to graduate even if they are only three credits short of the degree requirements. Mary Washington's policy is that only students who have completed all degree requirements are allowed to walk in the graduation ceremonies. The college does not have a December ceremony for students who graduate half-way through the year.

On the Cover:

by Jay Dockeray, a 1994 MWC graduate, opens a bottle of wine at Sammy T's in downtown Fredericksburg. Dockeray has been waiting tables at Sammy T's for two years. She said she stayed in Fredericksburg after graduation because she loves it here.

"This feels like home to me," she said.



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A HEAD START

Senior Kenneth Kim works on the Career Search computer program in the Career Services office, which helps students locate companies by geographic location and profession. Many students use the resources provided by the Career Services office, located on the third floor of GW, to lead them in the right direction in their hunt for jobs and internships. Career Services also sponsors the annual Career Day.

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After COLLEGE



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defense, but couldn't respond.

"The Clearys are just really tough to play 40 minutes of good defense against because they're tough and they're quick," said Gallahan. "All you have to do is let down once."

The Cardinals hit six three pointers, four in the second half, shaking the Eagles defense.

"The key to the game was three-pointers," said Gallahan. "I told them that at halftime; if we didn't come back and score they'd get the three-pointers."

Mary Washington drove home three three-pointers, one from May who lead the team with 21 points and two from Teter, who finished with 12 points and a team-high eight assists.

MWC scored with eight minutes left in the game, but the Clearys teamed to beat the Eagles defense by scoring nine quick points, cutting the lead to three. Freshman Lindsay Stover, who scored 20 points, hit a bucket to make the score 62-58. After two MWC turnovers, Liz Cleary, who had a game-high 37 points, scored a basket followed by a three-pointer, putting Catholic ahead for the first time.

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Championships, hosted by MWC on Feb. 17-19, creeps closer. The tapers have started, as training time has fallen off a bit, and thoughts run to the arch-rival of the MWC swimming program, Catholic. The women will probably win yet another CAC Championship with relative ease and aim for placing swimmers at Nationals, but the men have a higher agenda.

Catholic took the CAC crown from MWC last year in impressive fashion, depriving the Eagle's of a fourth straight championship. Now the passion for revenge runs high, as discussion of Catholic drives up emotions.

"If we went winless all season, and beat Catholic at CACs, it would be a

successful season. By the same token, an undefeated season ending in a loss at CACs to Catholic would be a failure. To be the best, you have to beat the best, and nothing else will measure up," said sophomore Eric Earling.

How will all the hard work pan out for the Eagles? Until championships, it's all speculation, but MWC is hoping to duplicate the completion of a season-long goal: to beat Catholic.

"Many swimmers have been worried about their times, but the training and the taper should help heading toward championships," said Marc Brown, coach of the swimming team.

"We're certainly capable of beating any CAC teams but we have to play 40 minutes of good basketball," said Gallahan. "I think they're ready."

The Eagles finish their first round of games on Thursday against St. Mary's College before facing four-time defending CAC champions Marymount on Saturday.

"We regained our intensity in the second part of the second half," said Stover. "I'm really happy that we won at home. We needed this win and hopefully it will lead to more."

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something to watch to make you go to sleep. However, now with the new faces (Georgetown's Allan Iverson, St. John's Felipe Lopez) combined with the old (Syracuse's Lawrence Moten, Villanova's Kerry Kittles) the games are actually exciting. Things still remain the same in two instances, Georgetown can't shoot free throws or consistently from the floor to make them a top 10 team.

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BIRTH CONTROL CLINIC CONTINUES

The Birth Control Clinic offered by the Student Health Center is continuing this semester. The clinic is open to those women who wish to start a prescription method of contraception and are not already using a contraceptive prescribed by another clinic or private physician.

Women who have been seen in the Student Health Center Birth Control Clinic before are also eligible to continue using this service.

All first time participants must attend one of the Birth Control Education Classes presented by the AIDS/STD Peer Educators prior to making an appointment. Call the Wellness Office at extension 4932 for information or to register for a class.

Students will be seen in the Birth Control Clinic by appointment only. Appointments must be made in person at the Student Health Center week days between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. There is an annual non-refundable charge of \$35.00, payable at the time an appointment is made.

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Davies said FACRO was instrumental in promoting positive images of black people in the community and an example of their efforts is the Free Lance-Star which did not have any black columnists in 1988. He said the newspaper now publishes balanced articles, portraying minorities in a positive light and also hires black columnists. Davies said, however, that the community has a long way to go in fighting racial discrimination.

"It's not a perfect situation. The job has not ended. We've still got a lot to do to make the community a cohesive force," Davies said.

Forrest Parker, vice president of the multicultural center at Mary Washington College and president of FACRO, said that it is hard to gauge improvements in race relations, but agreed that the Free Lance-Star's efforts marked improvements in race relations in the Fredericksburg community.

"We recognize there's progress being made. One of our missions is to recognize entities in our community who are promoting equality," and said that FACRO recently gave the Free Lance-Star the annual Community Relations award.

Parker said that the organization is also active within local high schools, encouraging students to have positive attitudes about racial diversity in the community. "We gave out about six scholarships to worthy high school students active in trying

to enhance race relations in the community," he said.

Hairston said that despite the positive organizations that work to bring diverse people together, race relations have not changed markedly. "I would say it's probably the same. There haven't been any riots. It's subtle, not overt," he said. "You saw [racism] then and you see it now. I can't say it's worse." Hairston did, however, point to the city school system as a source of positive and improved race relations because he said the teachers are highly effective in stimulating positive attitudes about ethnic diversity.

Hairston attributes limited racial incidents, such as violence, to the positive influence of Davies. "The most recognized leader is so well respected and so well liked that his reputation and integrity helps to ease any negative race relations. He is the reason why you haven't heard of a lot of race problems," he said.

MWC has also been active in trying to initiate interracial understanding by forming organizations such as the Human Relations Peer Educators on campus. Ratu Lomial, a member of the club, said that organizations on campus that support minorities are very important because they work towards educating students about diverse cultures.

"I'm glad that there's human relations and other clubs like BSA [Black Student Association] on

campus. I think that they need programs to educate people and to bring diversity to the campus," she said.

Tomaudric Rudd, president of BSA, said that she encounters subtle forms of racial prejudice and said that getting rid of stereotypes is the first step to fighting racism at MWC.

"I think that instead of going on preconceived notions about people who are different from us, we should try to understand one another better. We always have room for improvement though," Rudd said.

Parker said that MWC offers a lot more support to minority students now than it did in the 1980s. Only the Asian Student Association, formed in 1952, and the Black Student Association, formed in 1971, existed on campus before the "Nightline" tape.

MWC now has an additional nine student organizations which work towards breaking down common negative stereotypes associated with various ethnic groups.

The Multicultural Center itself opened in 1990 and initiated a "Cultural Awareness Series" for 1994-1995 with 15 faculty and staff working together to bring speakers to the campus to speak about gender and racial differences. In addition, on April 5, MWC will hold a race relations forum to address diversity issues on campus. The series will come to a close with the Multicultural Fair in March, an event which celebrates diversity on MWC campus.

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concerning the feasibility of certain portions in the plan.

The open market would function on the assumption that the farmer's market would move to the new location. Nelson said that the open market would probably not work because the farmer's market is already established at Hunkamp Park.

"The amphitheater probably isn't going to fly either just because the cost-benefit ratio is not very high," Nelson said.

At the present time, the city is focusing its attention on finishing the river front walkway. "If we can get that done, we will have done a major project," Nelson said.

Porter believes that the completion of parts of the whole plan could lead to renewed interest in the project as a whole. "I think once they get started and making it attractive, it will snowball. They just have to get going," Porter said.

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currently doing their semester of independent readings and will be picking individual topics to research in the fall. This semester will function as a semester of independent literature searches to get them acquainted with the topic.

"It is a fantastic system; it is great what they have been able to do with the space that [the mesocosm] is in. It is a good opportunity for research," Lemieux said.

Now that Gough has found students to take over, his last main concern is with moving the project once the new science building is opened. The stress of the move could set the project back at least months, Gough said. But, according to Gough, for right now they are focusing on the positive in that the system is moving along very well and should pose as a unique and beneficial teaching tool.

Tracy Dickerson contributed to this article.

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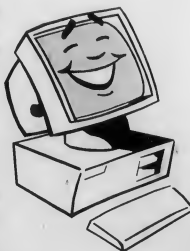


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Henri Young's trial. It seemed a strange choice to me since she stood out, however, I thought maybe her character was going to have a bigger role. It didn't. What did happen was she was brought to Young's prison cell by Stamphill so that Young could finally sleep with a woman. She was now a prostitute named Blanche. I have no idea why that casting choice was made or how anyone involved with the movie thought they could get away with it. Then, to add insult to injury, Sedgwick appears onscreen later as the jury member, again. Somebody had a very contemptuous attitude toward audience intelligence.

The only saving grace of "Murder In The First" is the performances. Bacon and Slater both do an excellent job as two men who are markedly different only because of

circumstance. Gary Oldman as Assistant Warden Glenn is also good as a man who can be both loving to his family and viciously cruel to the inmates of Alcatraz. The strength of these actors cannot save "Murder In The First" from its many flaws, however.

Perhaps the premise and star power of "Murder In The First" seemed so powerful that no one felt they needed to try very hard with it. Maybe director Marc Rocco is simply inexperienced and didn't know quite how to pull everything together. Hell, maybe aliens came down, re-spliced the movie, and even the people involved are shocked at the weakness of their product. Regardless, "Murder In The First" is the little train that could, but didn't.

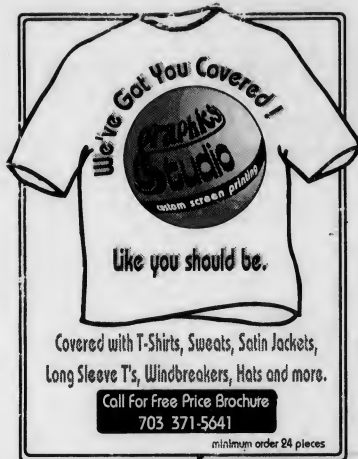
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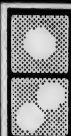
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